M.E. LaZerte

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The 2021-22 yearbook is filled with many great memories created by students, parents, guardians, staff, and community stakeholders this year. Thank you to all of our students and staff who worked on the yearbook for your hard work to capture all these memories. Without their commitment and hard work we would not be able to reflect back on all these unforgettable memories. M.E. LaZerte's motto of Inspire Passion, Develop Character, Change Lives is on full display page after page.

We are fortunate to have an exceptional culture at M.E.LaZerte. Reading through the yearbook reminds me that these day to day experiences and special events are created and influenced by so many. It takes a strong investment from all and it is both evident and impressive that all these groups care equally about each other in our school. We are a school that is the center of a growing community. We should all be proud!

On behalf of the M.E. LaZerte staff, we hope that as you look back upon the pages, you remember with fondness what a great year it was and we look forward to another great one in 2022 - 2023.

George Hoyt
Principal

This year things finally started to feel a little bit normal. We got rid of coloured zones. I loved seeing students and staff smile when masks became optional. A highlight for me with athletics back was definitely coaching an amazing championship winning rugby team. I'm grateful to continue to work at M.E. LaZerte with fabulous students and staff.

Mrs Parrish

I think the word that comes to mind for this year is resurgence. It was nice to see the halls once again full of our students. Classrooms bussing with learning. The energy was back in the building and students and staff were able to finally feel some normalcy after a very hard time through COVID. What I love about our students is their resilience and ability to find the best in everything. It was so nice to finally celebrate a somewhat customary graduation. We had our first ever Prom right in our building.

Mrs Erickson

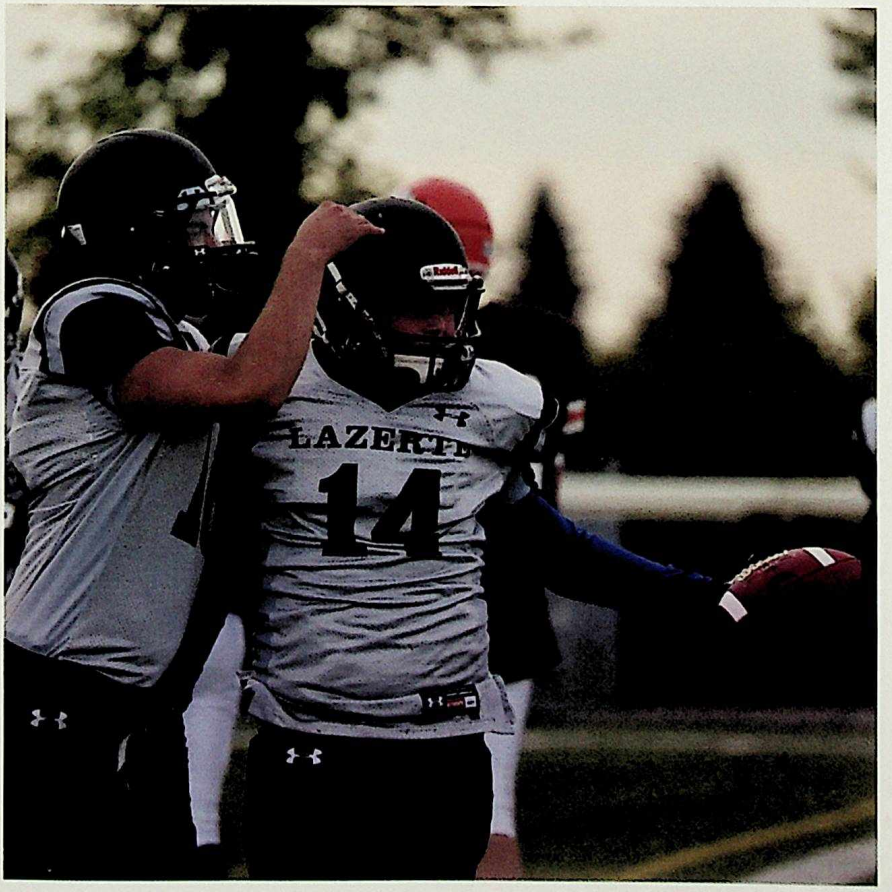
What a wild ride these past years have been. We were able to slowly transition out of the strict COVID restrictions and start to figure out a new normal. It has been incredible seeing faces and smiles again. I have loved witnessing the excitement of students participating in in-person events once again. With the return of athletics, clubs, leadership events, fitness center, taste of LaZerte, and graduation events, we were able to build those very important relationships with each other, making our LaZerte family that much stronger. It's been a blast making memories, and I will hold them all close to my heart.

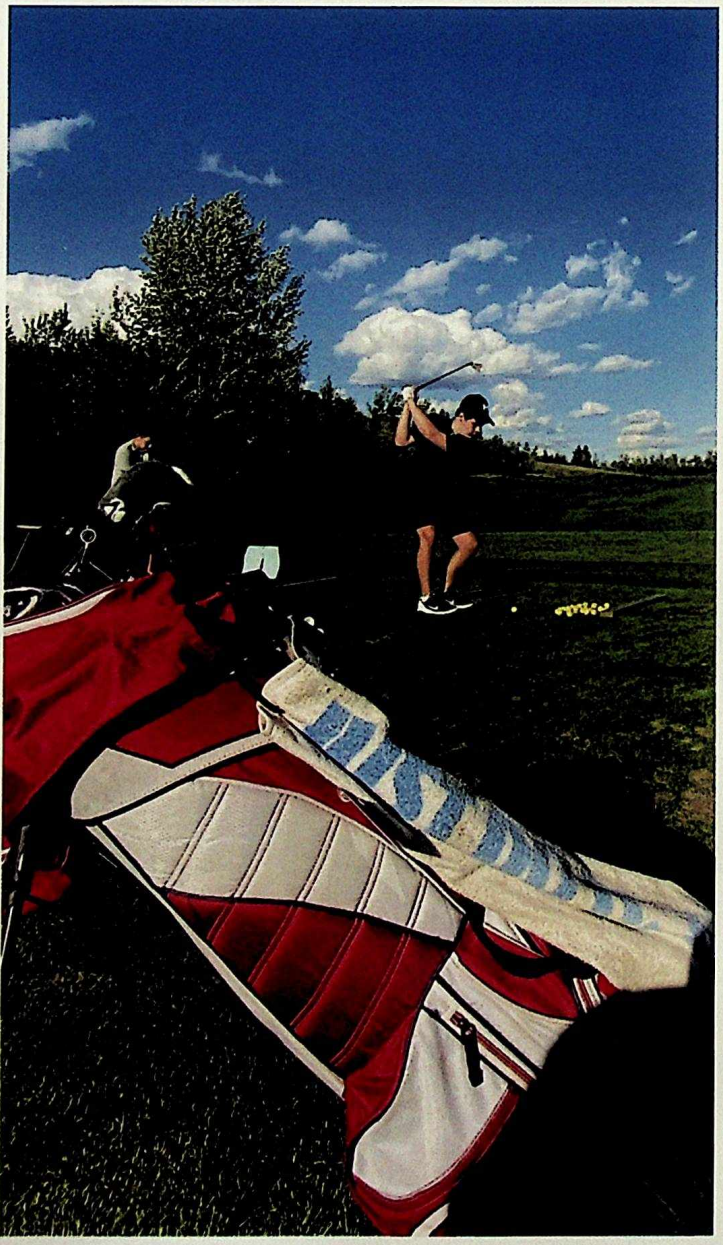
Mrs Ohlhauser

It was so nice to get things back to normal this past year, we had life back in our school. Athletics and clubs returned and we were able to bring back so many things that make LaZerte special such as Taste of LaZerte. The year was capped off with commencements and our first ever Prom a special event that our grade 12s will cherish. All in all 2021-2022 was another fabulous year with my LaZerte family!

Mr Teixiera

FALL SPORTS





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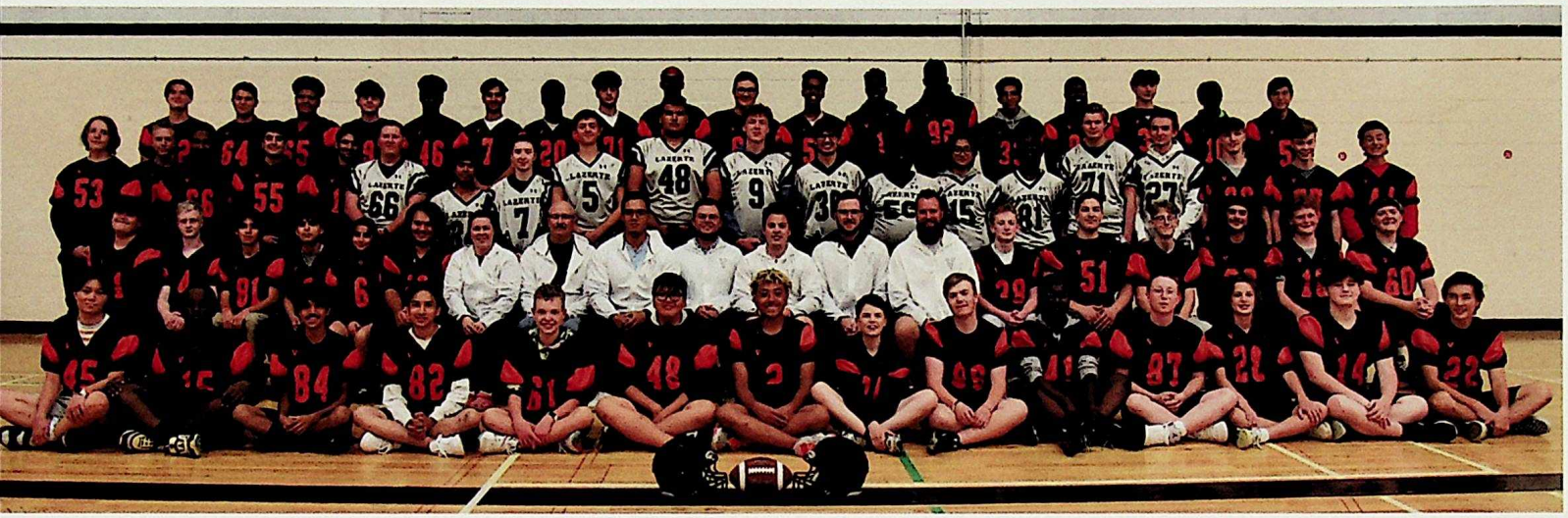

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Corbin Brinston
Tony Bull
Daniel Campbell
Seth Cramer
Dain Cuthbertson
Ryan Decker
Reid Dennett
Cole Devries
Amjed Elkadri
Dryden Ferchoff
Quincy Gero-Havens
Hayden Greep
Jaiden Headley

Besher Ibrahim
Logan Irving
Fadil Kadiri
Ahmed Kanash
Manny Khela
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Nick Prinsen
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Kieran Regan
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Charles Russell
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Taylor Stecyk
Andrew Symak
Graeme Takeuchi
Alex Tolton
Gabriel West
Shehzar Zaidi

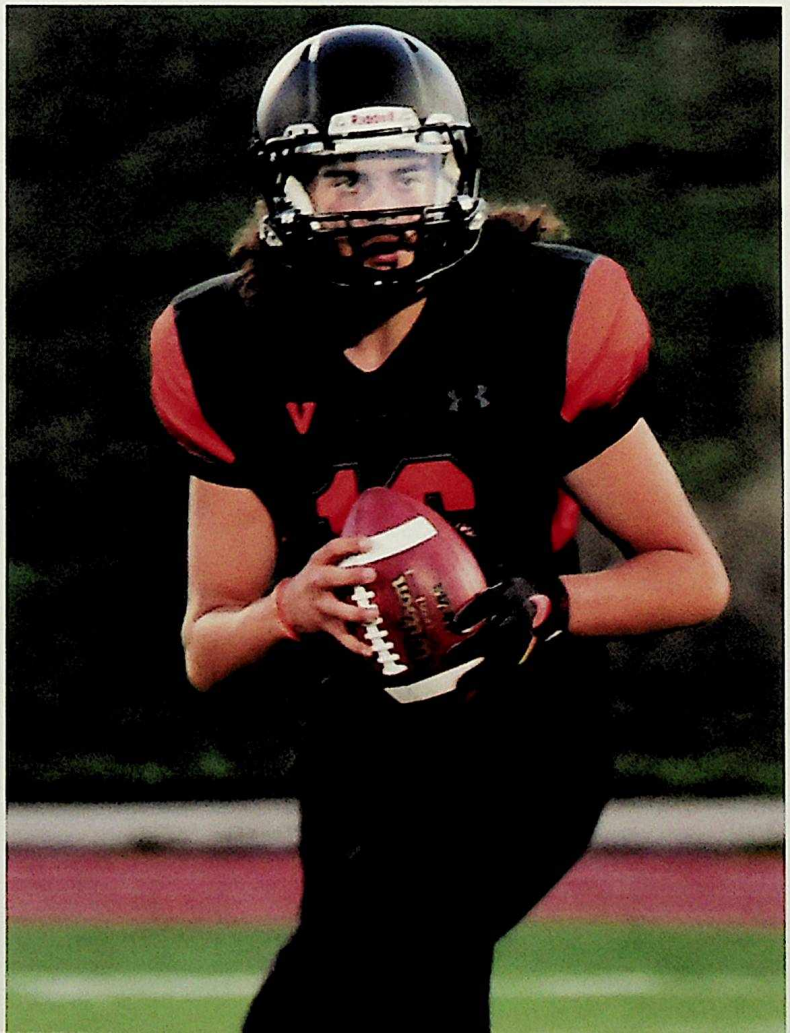
Craig Korte - HC/OC
Ted Chomchuk - OL
Steven Giang - DL
Riley Carleton - REC
Erik Kuleba - REC
Zach Woodman - DB/ST
Zach Chomchuk - DL/LB
Andrew Lobb - DC/LB
Nic Potgieter - LB
Mohammed Almokdad - REC
Edward Ilnicki - RB

Megan Fowler - Team Manager
Jessica Rutten - Equip. Manager
Kristen Moon - Trainer

In the first year after athletics were suspended due to Covid-19, LaZerte Football returned to the field with a young team backed by a strong group of leaders who were in grade 12.

Players developed immensely over the course of the season with big wins over McNally, Fort Saskatchewan, and Ardrossan. The effort put forth by this squad over the course of the season was undeniable and allowed us to finish strong with a commanding win in the last regular season game of the year.

We especially want to thank a dedicated group of grade 12 students for leading our young team this year. Dan C, Andrew P, Zach S, Elijah B, Graeme T, Ethan R, Taylor S, Dryden F, Darius L, Cris L, Souriyo P, Kieran R, Marcas R, and Carl M will be missed and we wish them the best in their future endeavours in sport and in life.



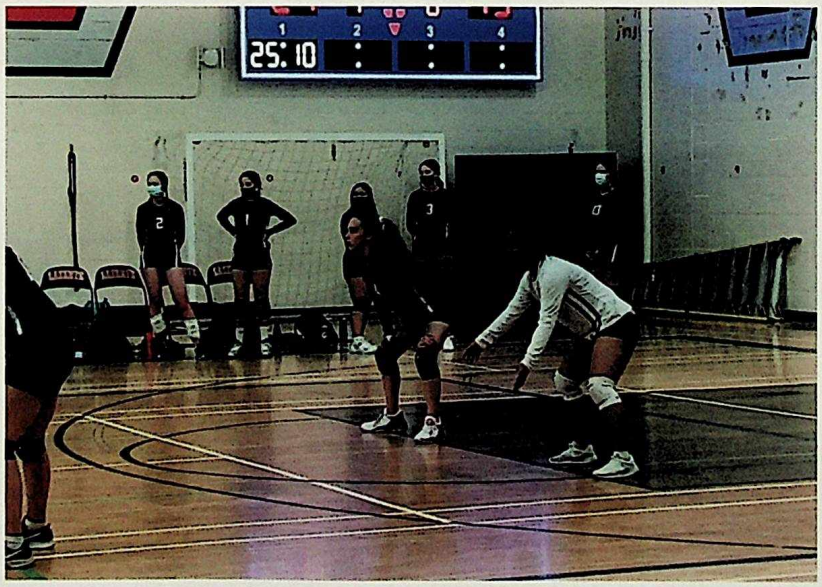
VOLLEYBALL

1- Noura Mahfouz
2 - Daniela Coropceanu
3 - Delanie Johnson
4 - Emma Cardinal
5 - Cassandra Corpuz
6 - Isabelle Tymkow
7 - Hanah Pham
8 - Neda Kajtuz
10 - Akina Ng
11 - Abby Leyden
12 - Gracie Wuttnee
13 - Kersti Hedman

Coaches: Renee Brown
Jordan Dunn

Senior Girls

By definition, a Voyageur is someone who goes on a long trip, travelling specifically by a ship. The 2021 Senior Girls Volleyball team did just that. Our season was a journey that spanned many practices, games and tournaments, where athletes were consistently expected to demonstrate a high level of commitment and camaraderie. We endured both highs and lows as a team throughout the season, but we see the greatest success in the progress our players made toward friendship.



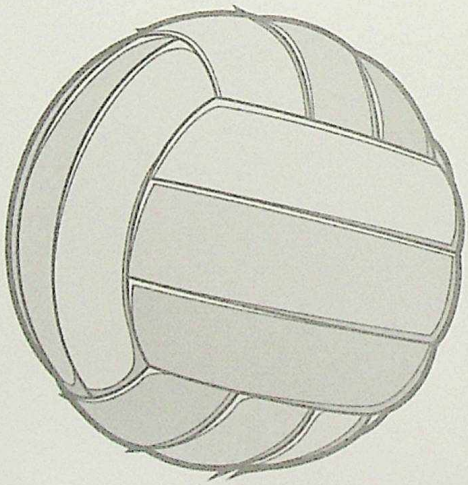
VOLLEYBALL

1 - Ryan Serediak
2 - Bassam Almawed
3 - Ben Leong
4 - Kelson Nguyen
5 - Hubert Lambert
6 - Brian Ma
7 - Zen Hanrahan
8 - Jayden Bouphasari
9 - Jayden Lam
10 - Ethan Alook
11 - Brandon Han
12 - Nathan Poon

Head Coach: Jet Pou, Brandon & Grayson Tran & Johnny Su & Christopher

Senior Boys

After a year of being held back by the pandemic, the Senior Boys Volleyball team started out strong. The boys were happy to be back at it and motivated to win! These young men were dedicated to this season, they would practice on average about three hours a night. Although not every game was won or perfect, they worked hard to improve their performance with consistent practice. The Senior Boys had great success when they placed second at the Osbourne tournament. Their hard work continued to pay off when they won their quarter final match, defeating a team that had beat them in the regular season. What a season this was!



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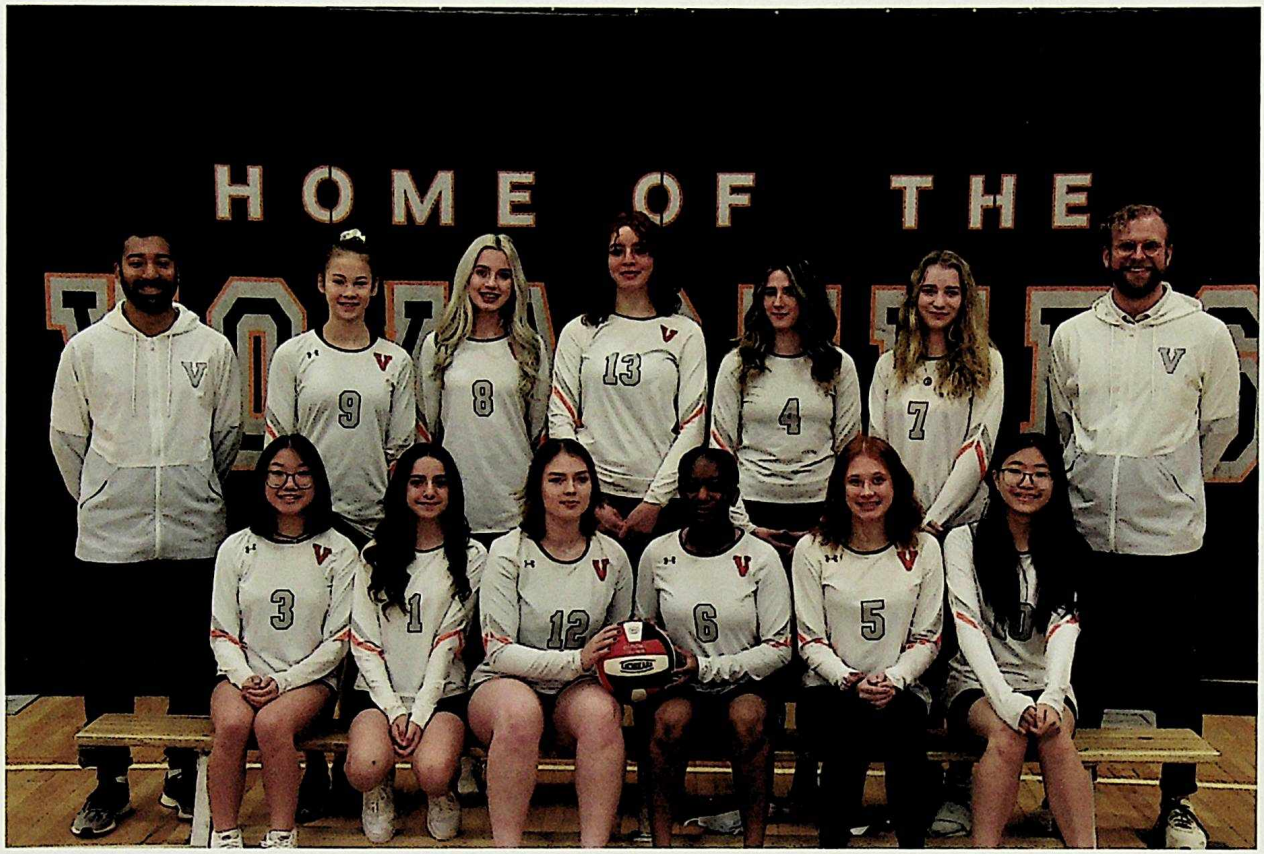
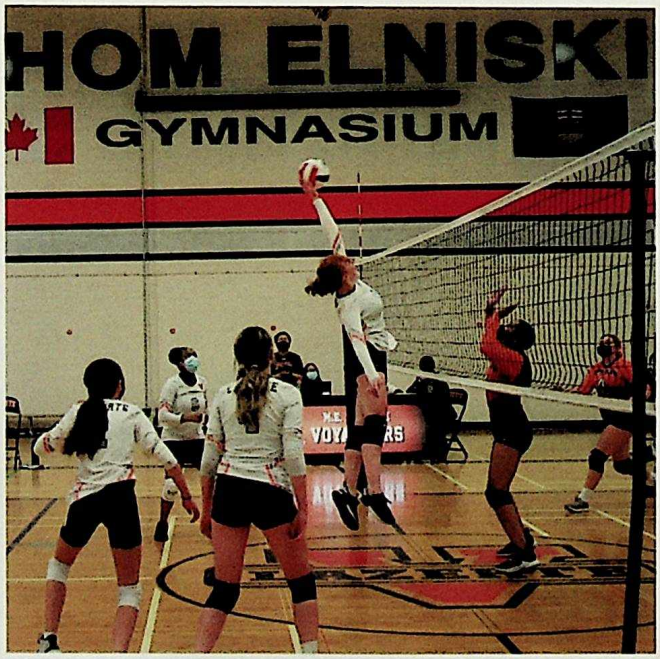


1 - Aliyah Salloum
3 - Ava Tran
4 - Dayla Armstrong
5 - Chloe Fediuk
6 - Ashley Boateng
7 - Claire Carlaw
8 - Isabelle Patilea
9 - Emma Vaartstra
10 - Carrie Diep
11 - Rose Plican
12 - Chelsea Cummings
13 - Hedaya Khalifa

Head Coach: Dylan Ford
Assistant Coach: Omid Poonja

Junior Girls

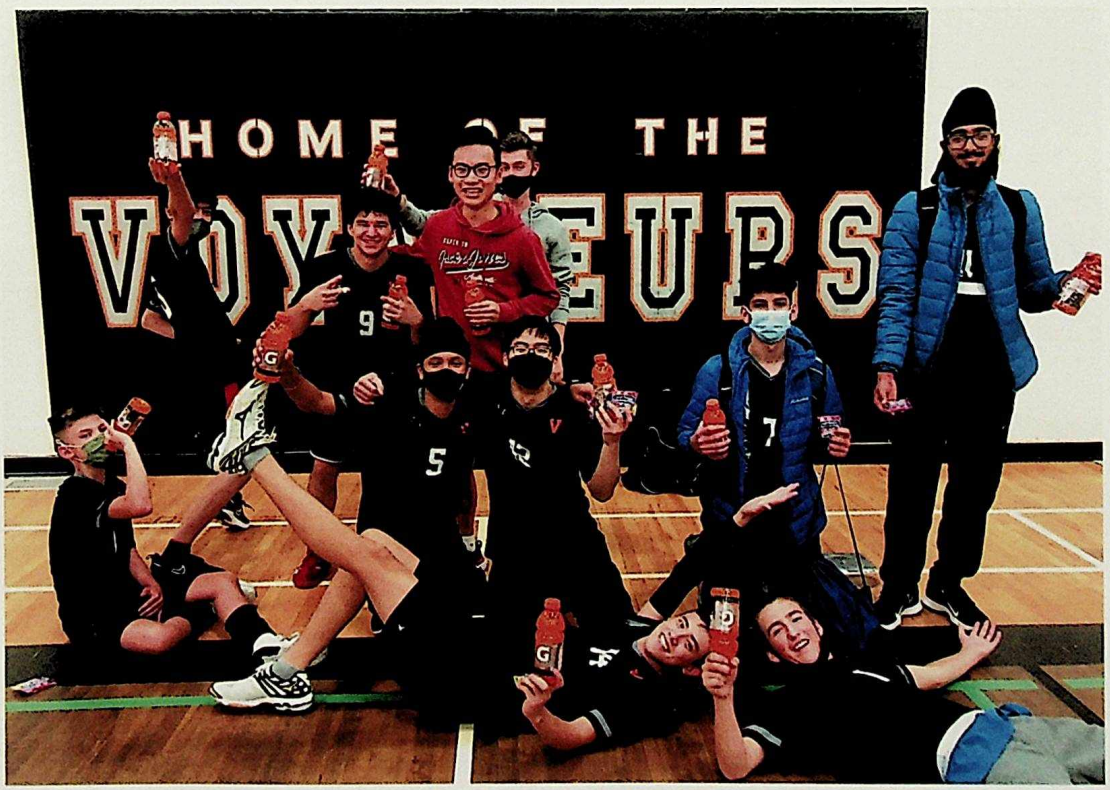
The Junior Girls Volleyball team would describe themselves as a little family. Their voices could often be heard professing their love for each other and the team. The team improved greatly throughout the year and all will remember some big blocks by our middles, great assists by our setters, strong attacks by our hitters, and the odd miracle save with someone's foot.



VOLLEYBALL

3 - Blake Adamson
4 - Reece Dowling
5 - Amrit Dhaliwal
6 - Benson Chiem
7 - Mousa Yassin
8 - Christian Hansen
9 - Keagan Oyakawa
10 - Hayden Robertson
11 - Jastinvir Singh
12 - Jaymon Bouphasiri
13 - Cole Machuk
14 - Ethan MacDonald

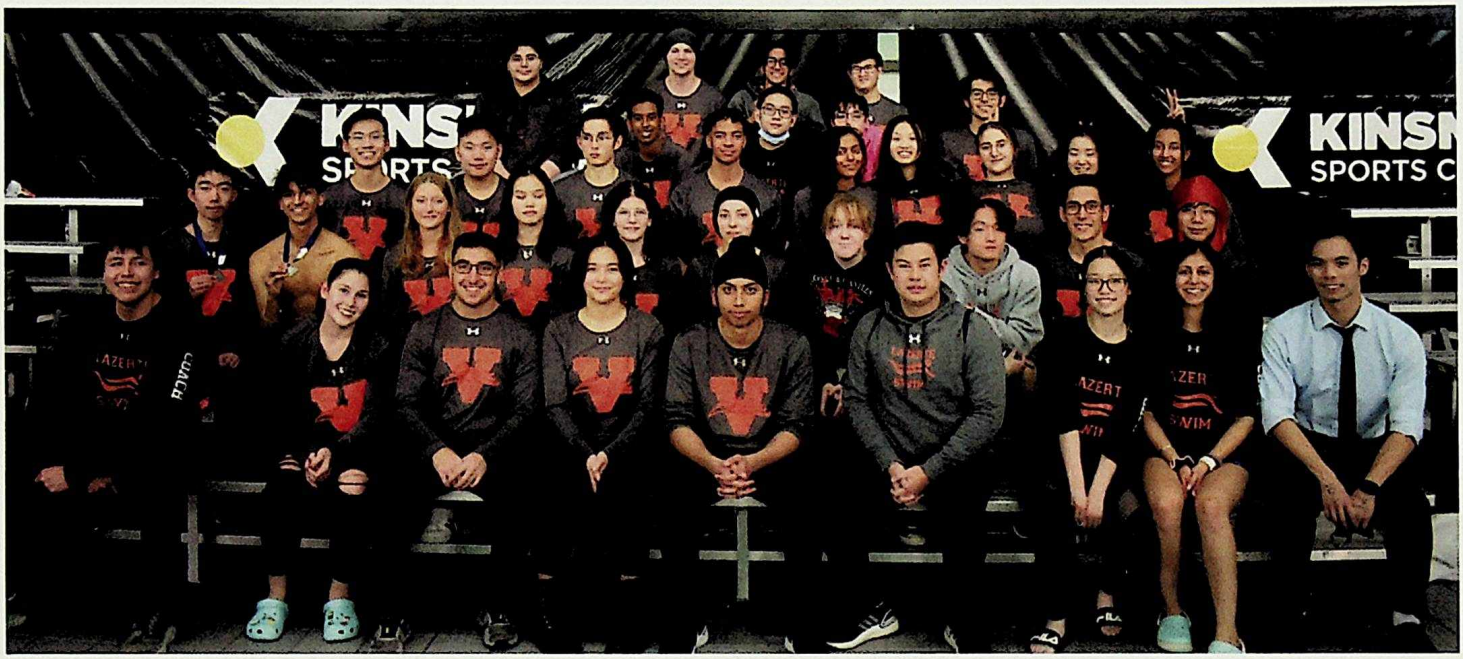
Coaches: Mr Sommerville
Ms. Elder



Junior Boys

The Jr. Boys had a great season, finishing first in their division with a record of 5 wins and only one loss and led the division with most points for vs against. They had a close battle in the quarter finals but fell a little short. The boys developed strong friendships throughout the year.

SWIM

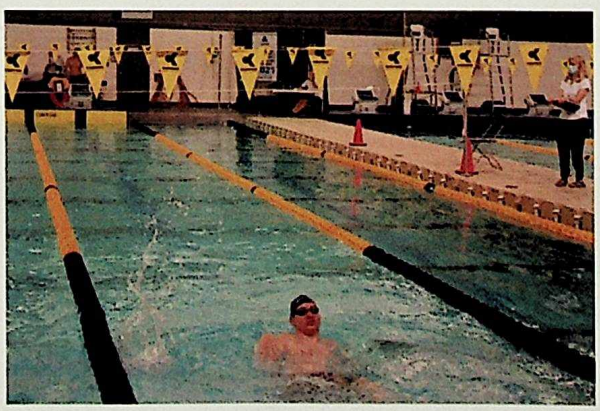


Mason Adamson
Omar Alchaikh
Ethan Bernard
Katelyn Bernard
Ariana Boon
Marko Chan
Nicholas Chan
Benson Chiem
Aiden Deonie
Isherjyot Devgun
Bahareh Ghaffari-Noori
El Gizaw
Isabella Guitierrez
Romi Halabi
Brandon Hamieh
Zackary Hruschak
Benjamin Hua
Arshiya Huq
Nasir Kalib
Chylee Keddie
Tin Hang Kwok
Jonathan Lam
Anthony Ly
Akina Ng
Rachel Ngo
Louis Nguyen
Jeevan Panesar
Giselle Saleh
Elizabeth Shemchuk
Keiron Street
Lily Wang
Gabriel West
Sara White
Erica Wong

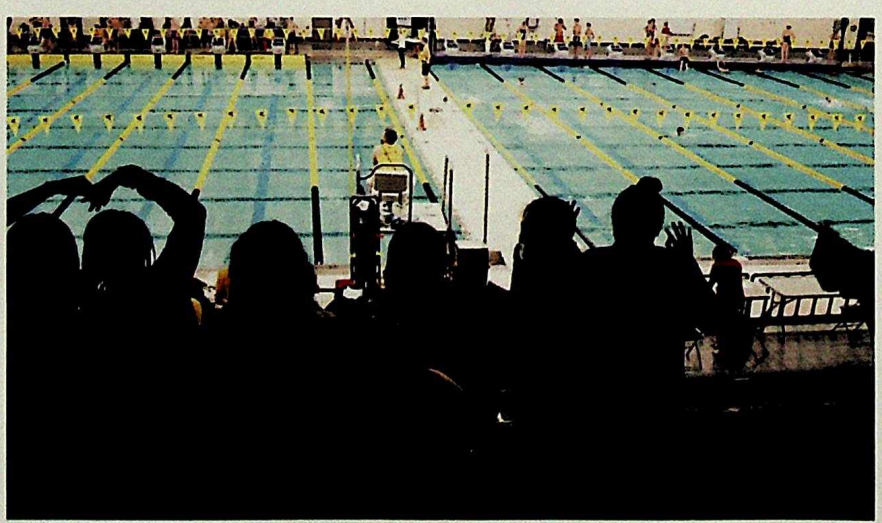
Head Coach: Colyn Ma

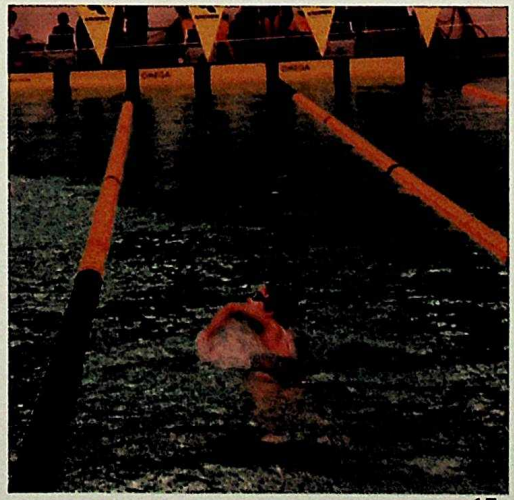
Assistant Coach: Dustin Chung, Cassandra Wong, Rusna Panesar, Matt Lietz, Brianna Yu, Allison Wan, Hugo Chan, Andrew Chee, Logan Matchatis

Teacher Sponsors: Ms Fowler, Ms Mageau, Ms Zheng, Ms Chan



Swim team aims to be a family more than a team, and this year has made it difficult for our swimmers to muster the spirit and bond as a team. However, we have overcome those hurdles and achieved far more than we could ever imagine we had two silver medalists at cities and many others placing in the top 8 in their individual races. This first season back from the pandemic was amazing and we look forward to our next season!





CROSS COUNTRY

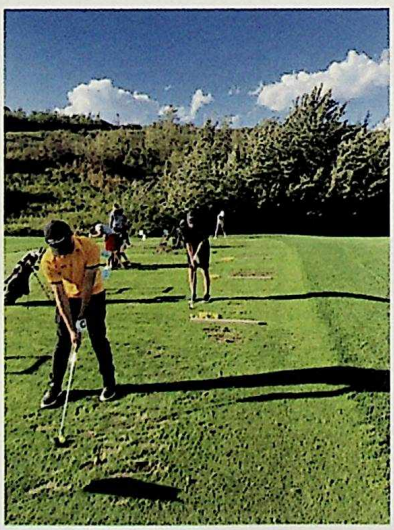
Dayla Armstrong
Emmanuel Bedassa
Camila Candido
Michael Clark-Smith
Renese Ebanks
Doldgie Eliacin
Pardeep Kaler
Siddharth Kannan
Logan Kiernan
Chase Koeck
Sebastian Koeck
Evan Kosowan
Cathy Lam
Connor Lunn
Liam McLaren
Emma Miniaci
Jayden Ngo
Andy Nguyen
Yellenna O'Connell
Elizabeth Shemchuk
Jacob Smigorosky
Daniel Truong
Nadine Wilkinson
Duncan Gaunt
Niamh Thomas
Omar Wehb

Coaches:
Mr Bacque
Ms Spaidal
Ms Segin

The LaZerte 2021 Cross Country team was our strongest yet! Our athletes enthusiastically competed at five meets across the city. Each of our athletes saw their progression steadily increase, practice over practice, meet by meet. The season culminated at the Metro Championship race where our athletes demonstrated grit and determination. LaZerte placed 9th in the city, and they are highly motivated to do even better next year. Because running is what? FUNDAMENTAL!

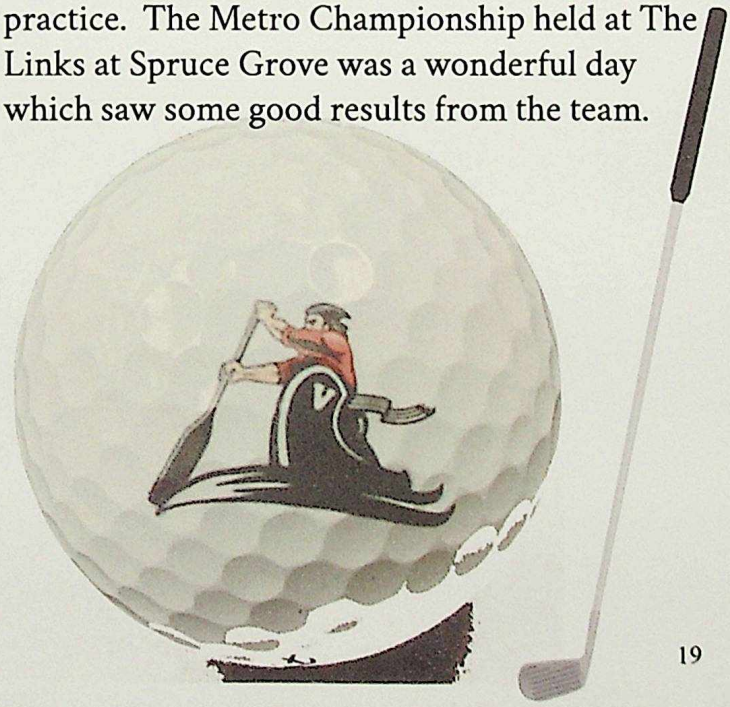
GOLF

The Golf team this year had a short but great season. Practicing out of The Quarry Golf Club, the team developed their skills on the driving range as well as the practice green. Drills and new shots were introduced for players to try and practice. The Metro Championship held at The Links at Spruce Grove was a wonderful day which saw some good results from the team.



Jacob Peacock
Ryan Thomson
Sean Semeniuk
Dryden Ferchoff

Coaches:
Mr Kates,
Mr MacAlpine



STAFF

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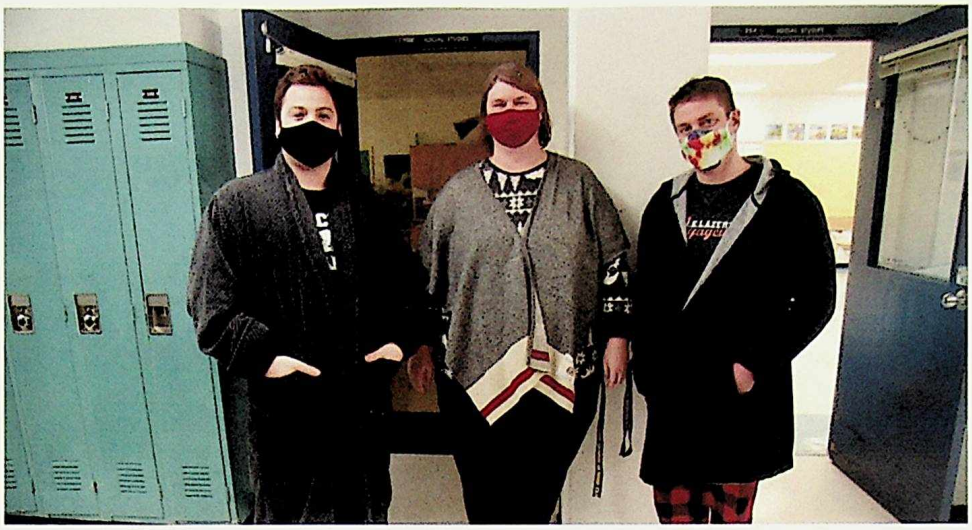

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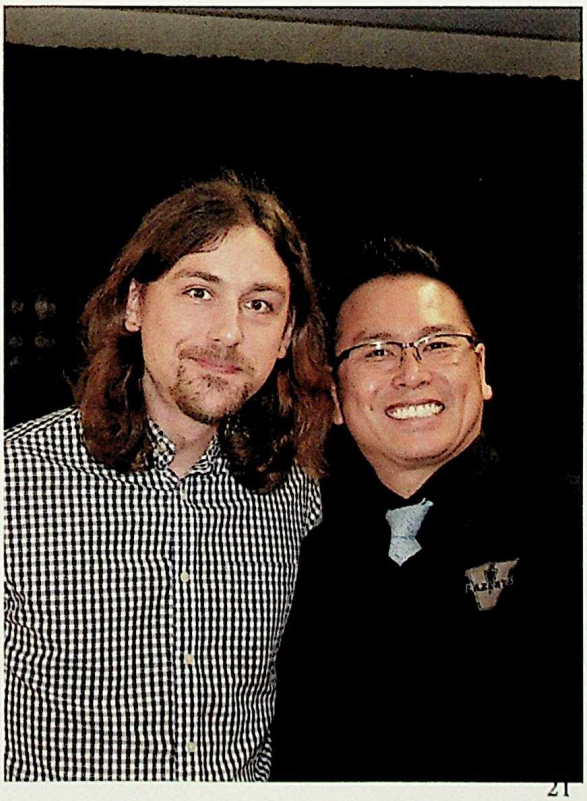

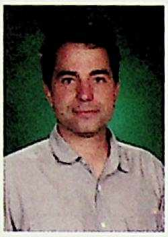

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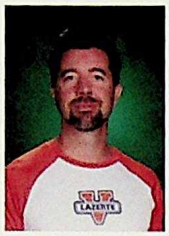

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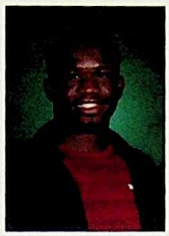

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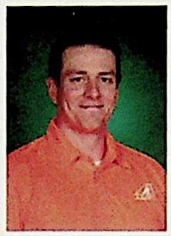

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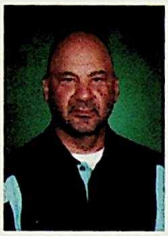

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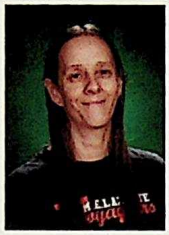

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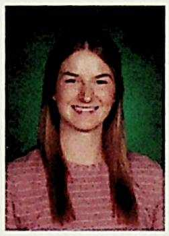

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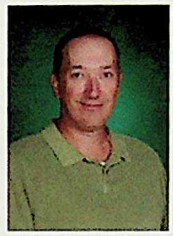

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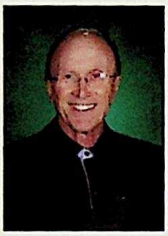

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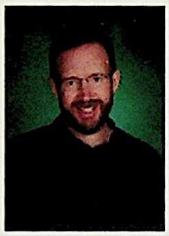

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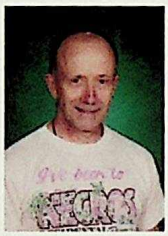

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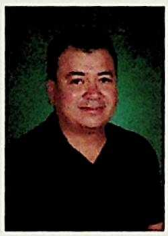

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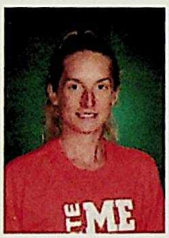

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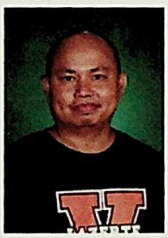

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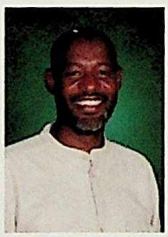

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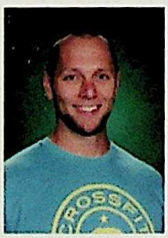

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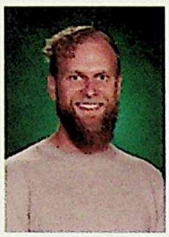

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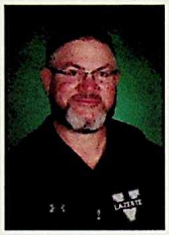

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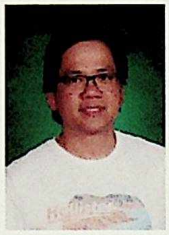

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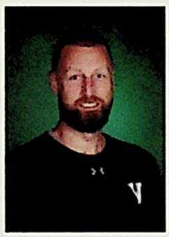

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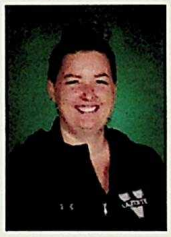

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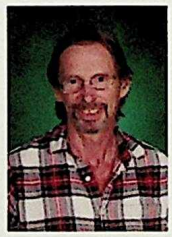

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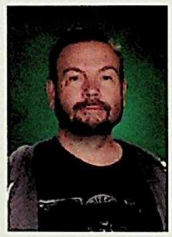

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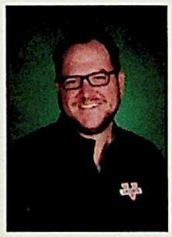

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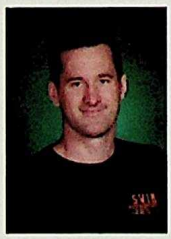

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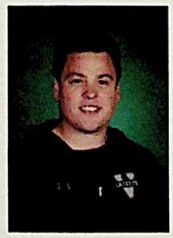

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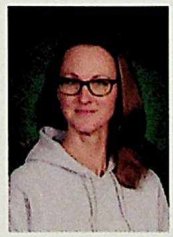

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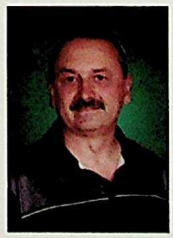

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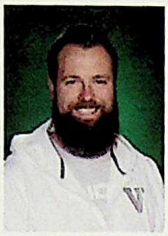

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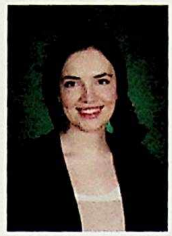

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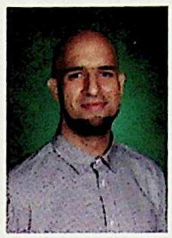

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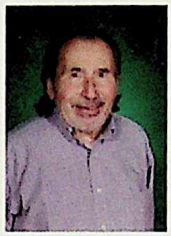

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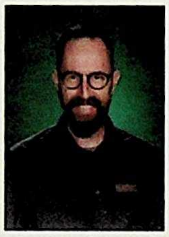

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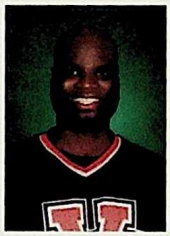

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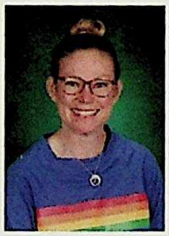

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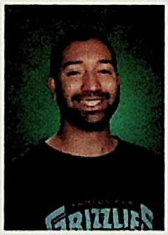

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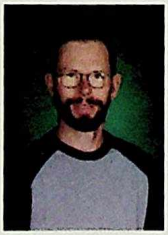

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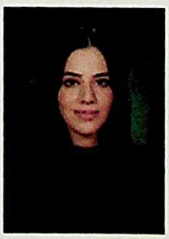

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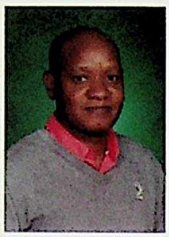

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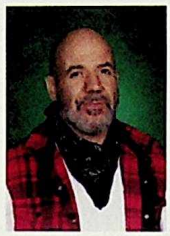

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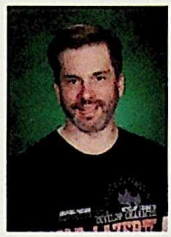

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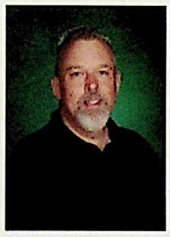

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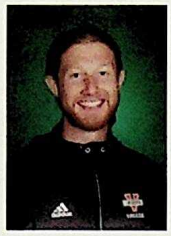

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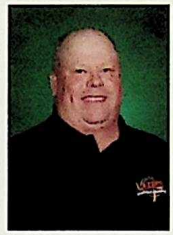

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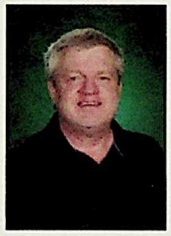

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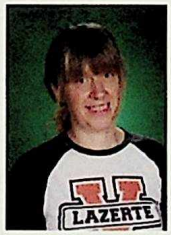

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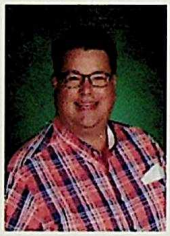

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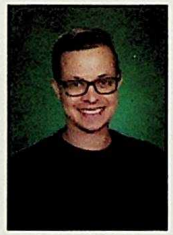

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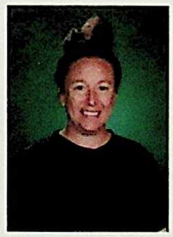

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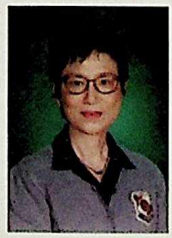

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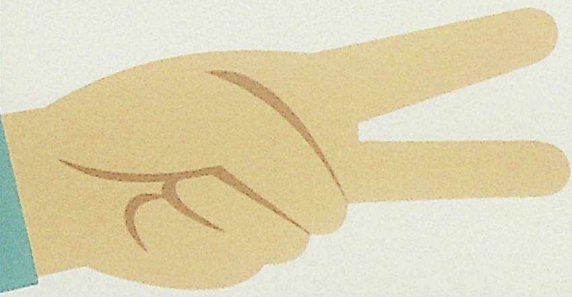

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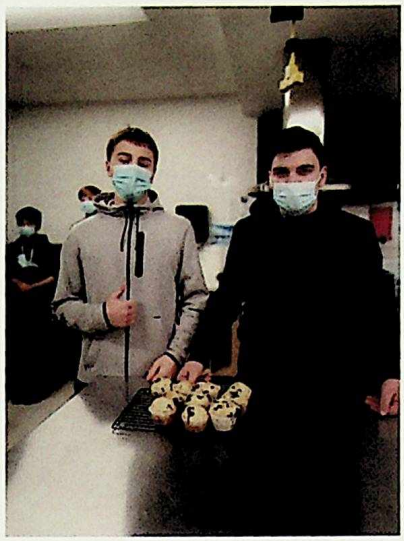

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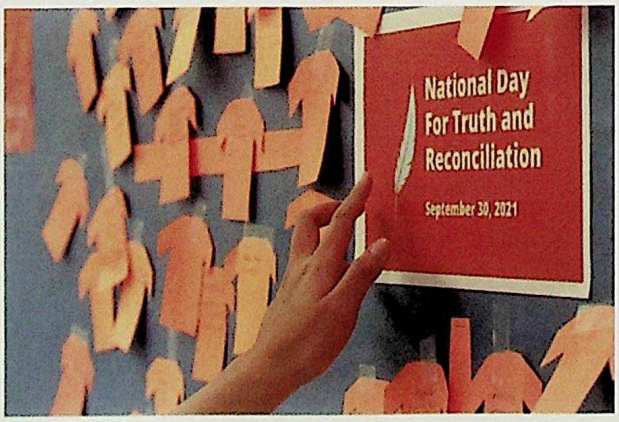
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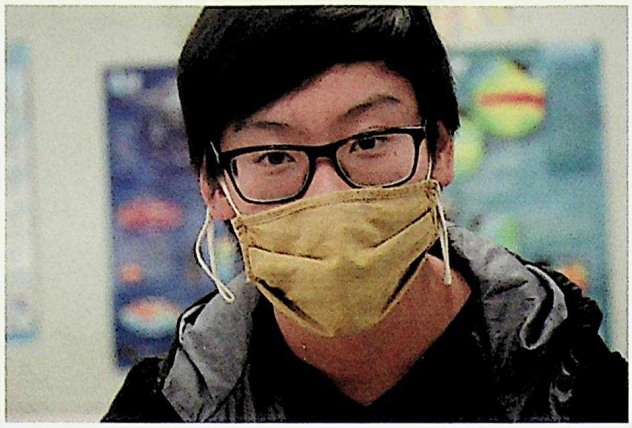

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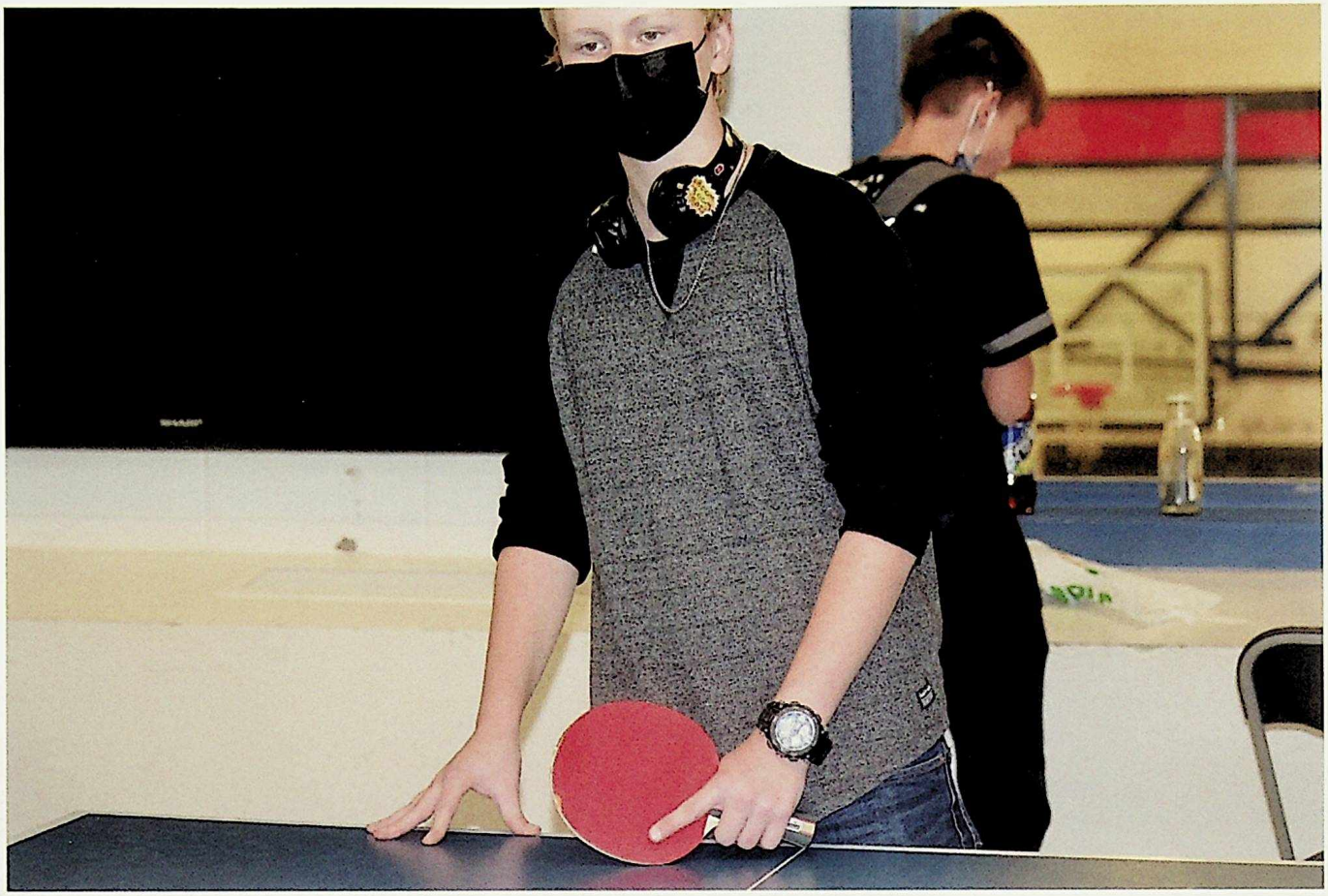

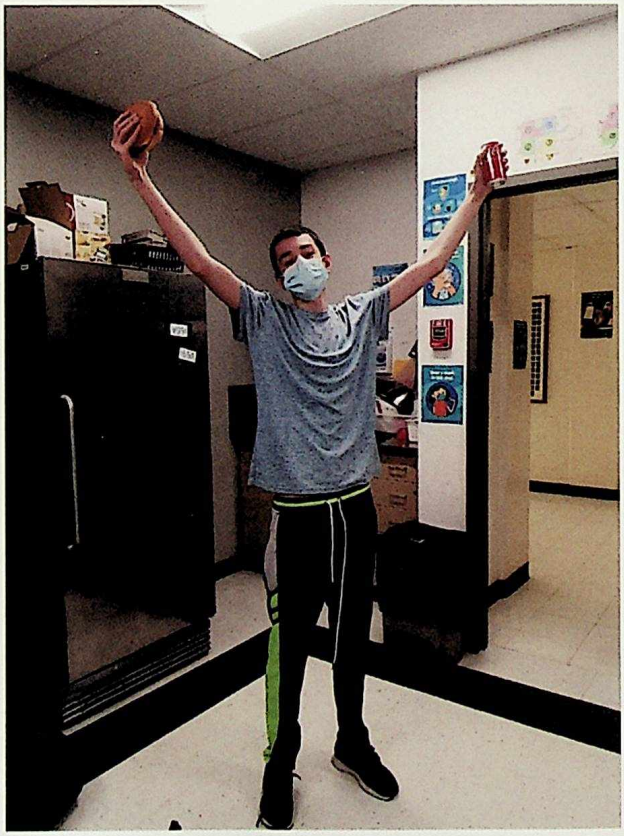

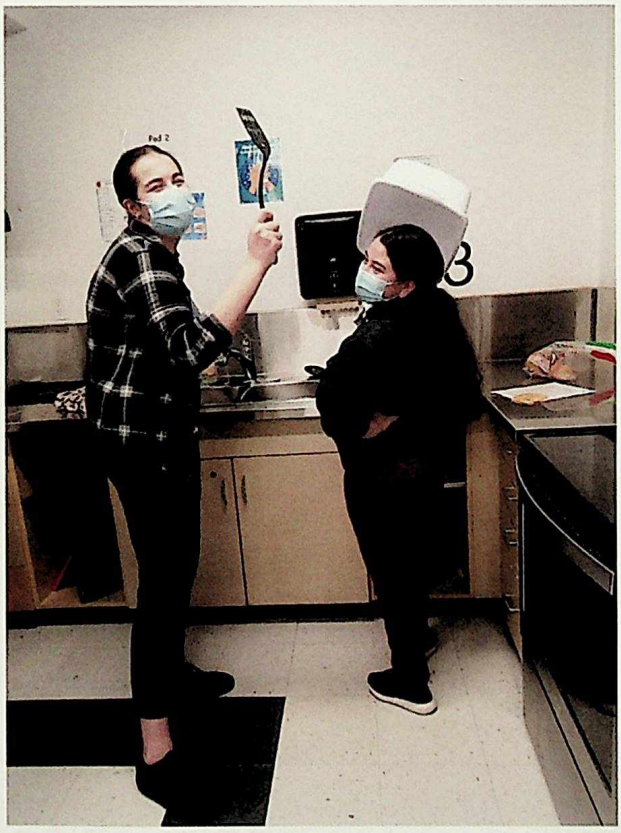

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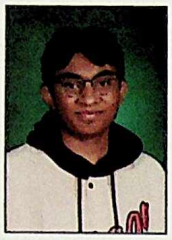
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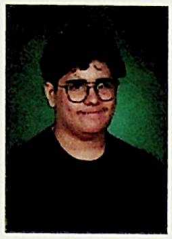
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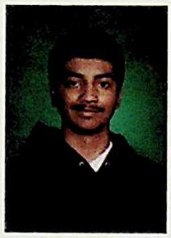
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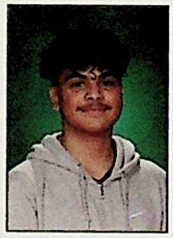
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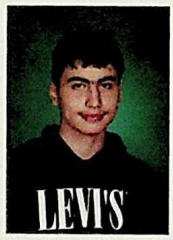

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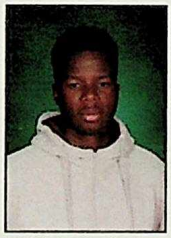
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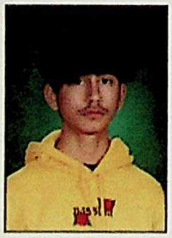
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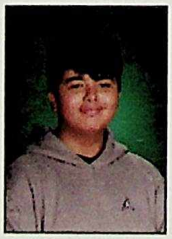
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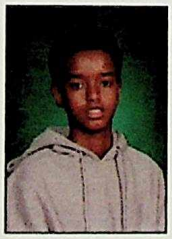
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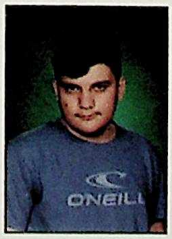

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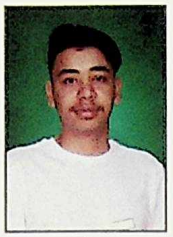

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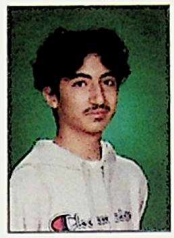

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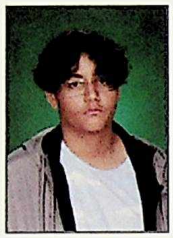

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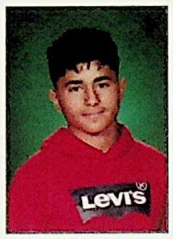

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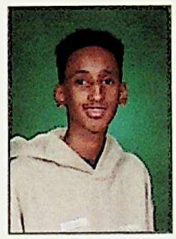

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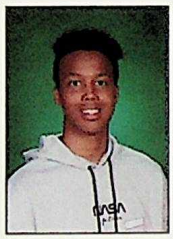

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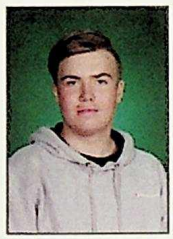

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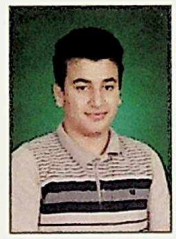

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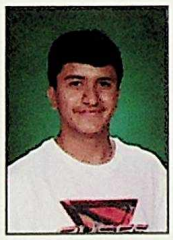

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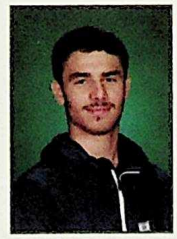

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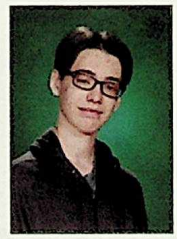

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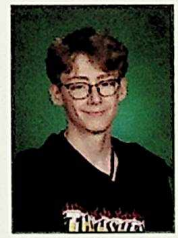

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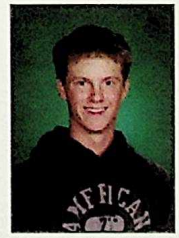

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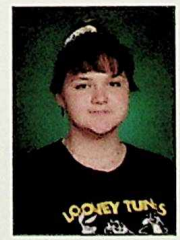

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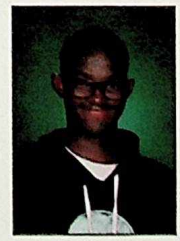

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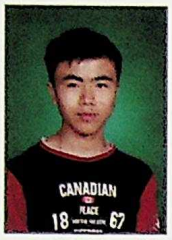

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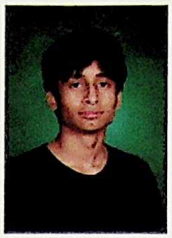
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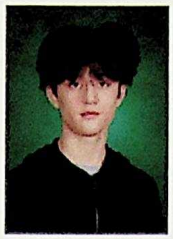
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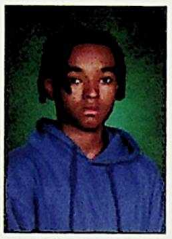
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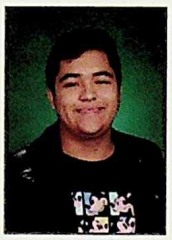
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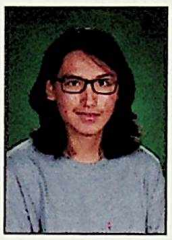
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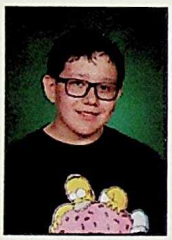
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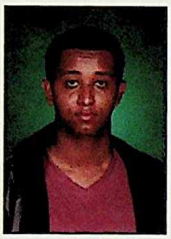
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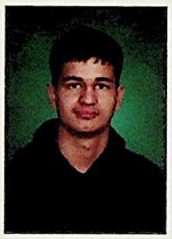
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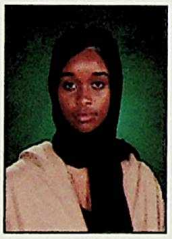
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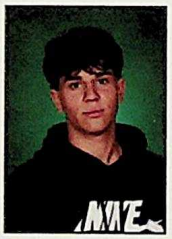

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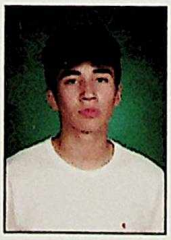
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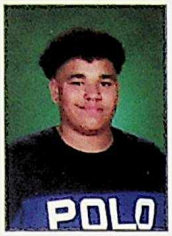

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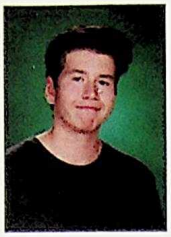
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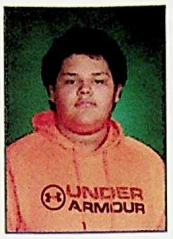

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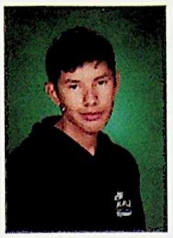
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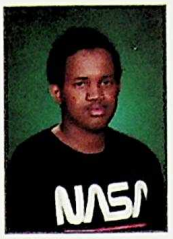

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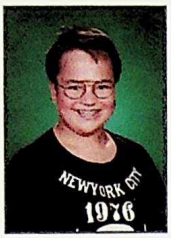

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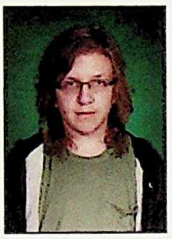
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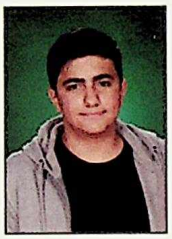
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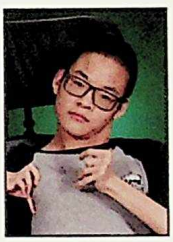
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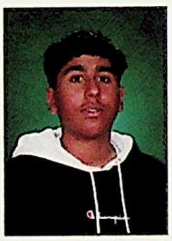
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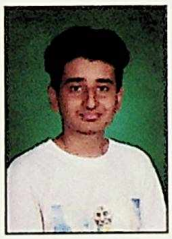
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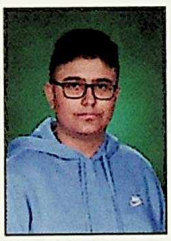
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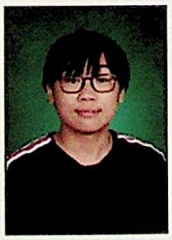
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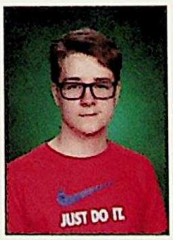

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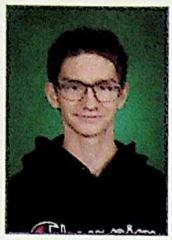

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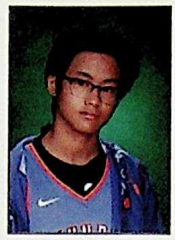

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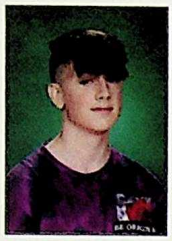

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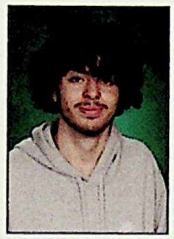

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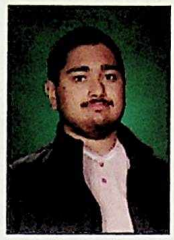

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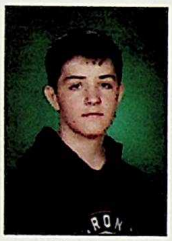

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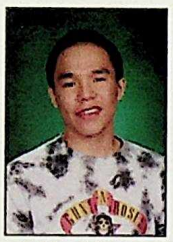

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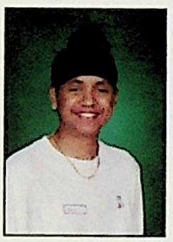

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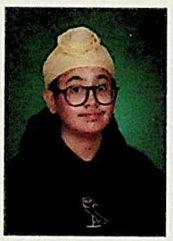

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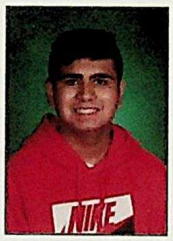

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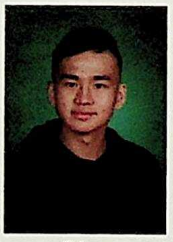

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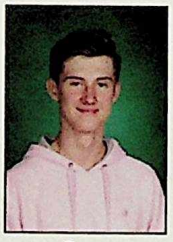

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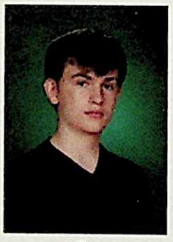

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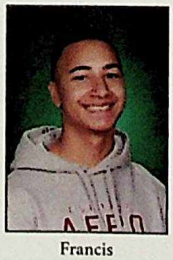

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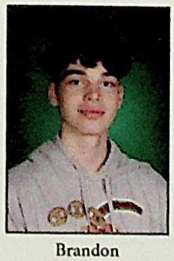

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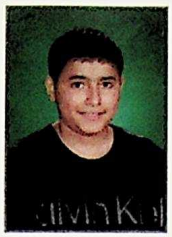

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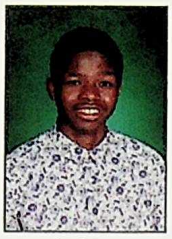

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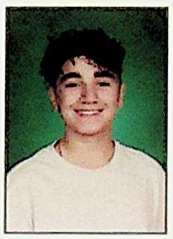

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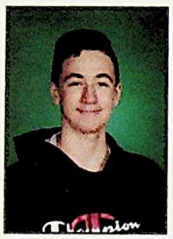

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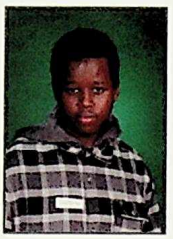

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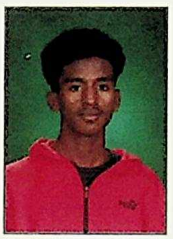

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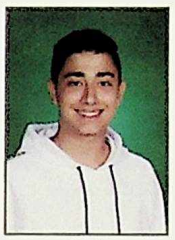

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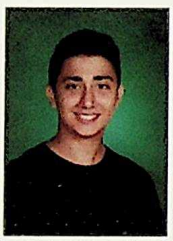

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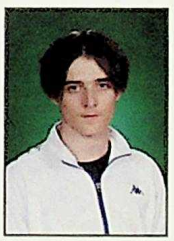

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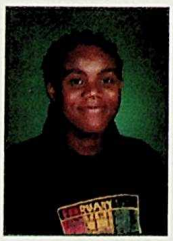

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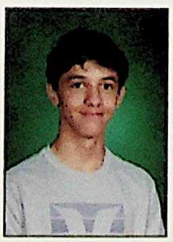

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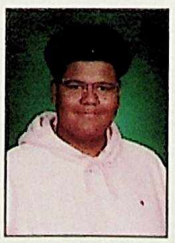

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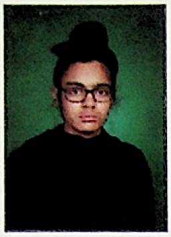

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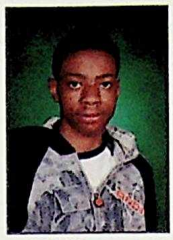

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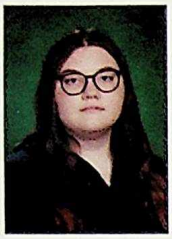

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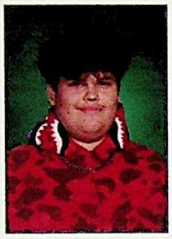

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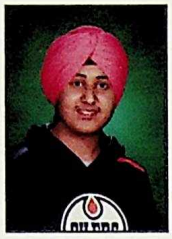

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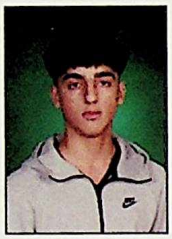

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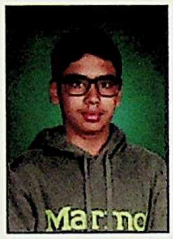

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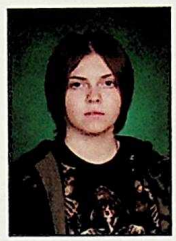

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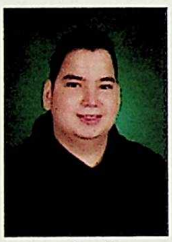

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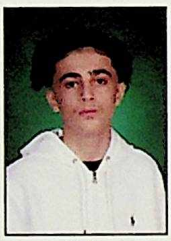

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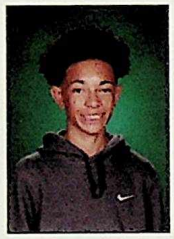

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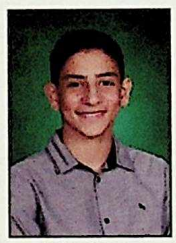

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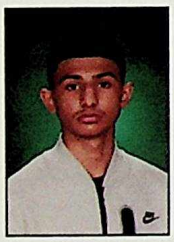

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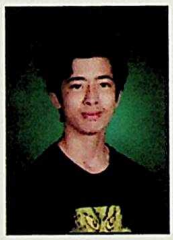

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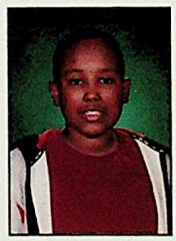

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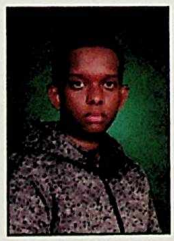

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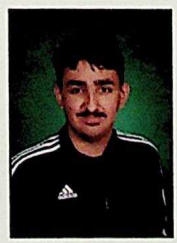

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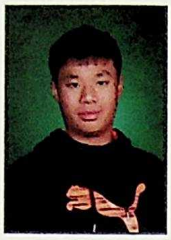
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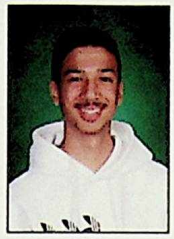
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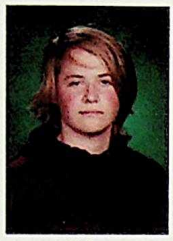
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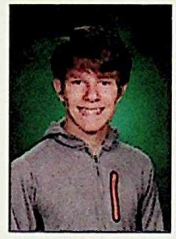
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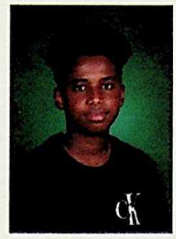
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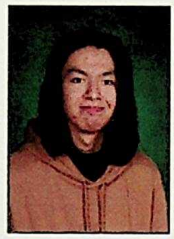
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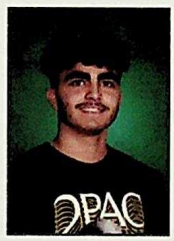

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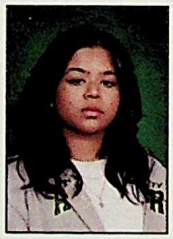
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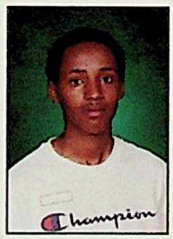

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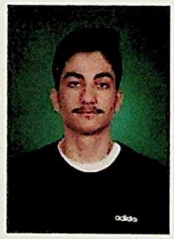
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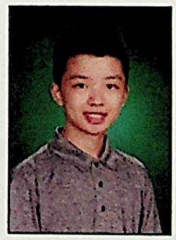
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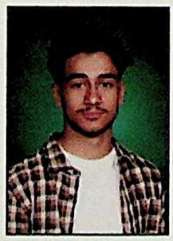
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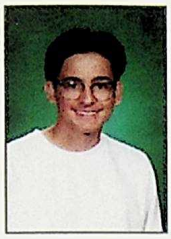

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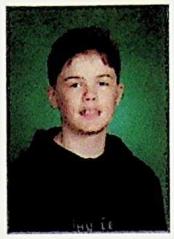

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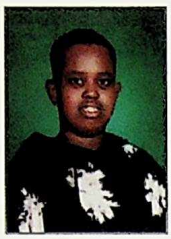

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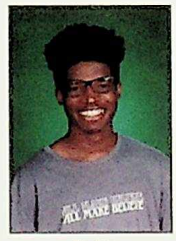

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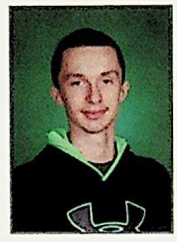

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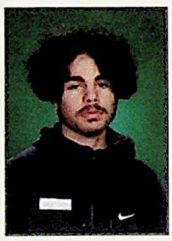

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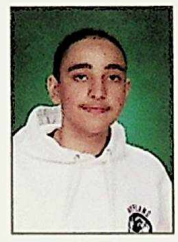

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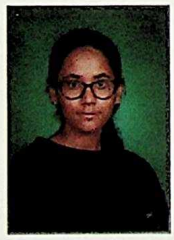

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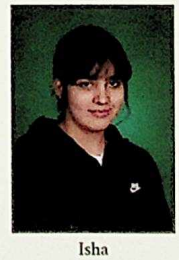

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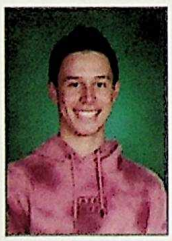

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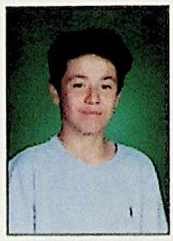

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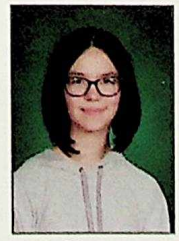

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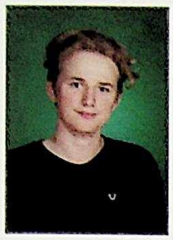

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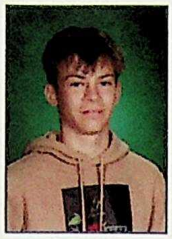

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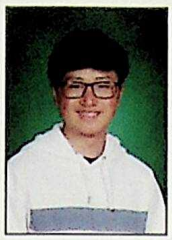

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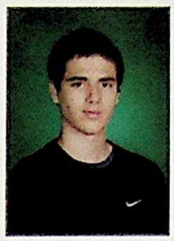

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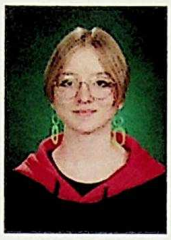

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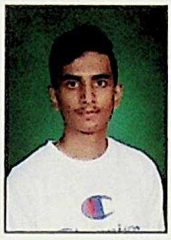

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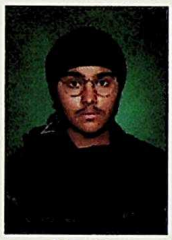

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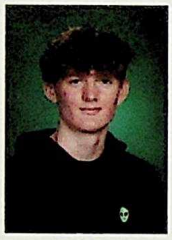

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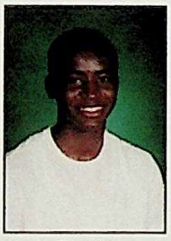

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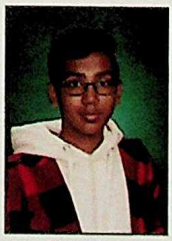

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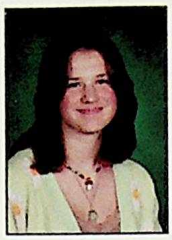

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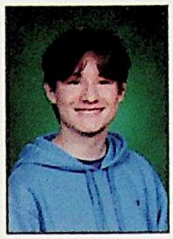

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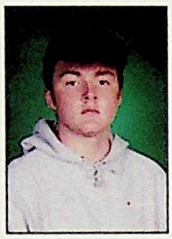

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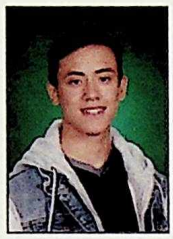

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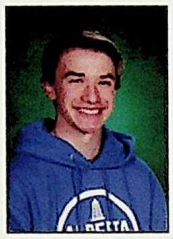

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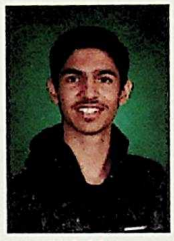

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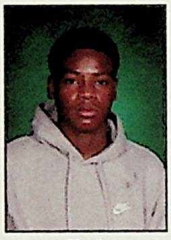

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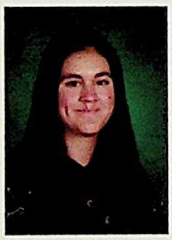

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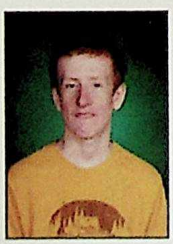

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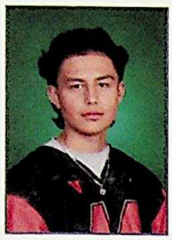

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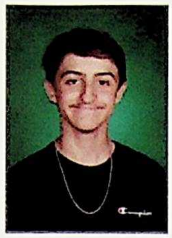

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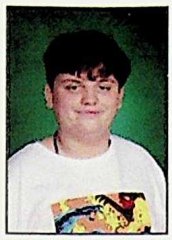

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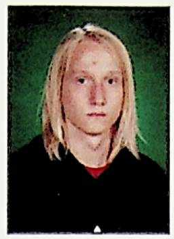

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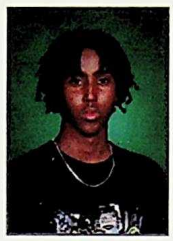

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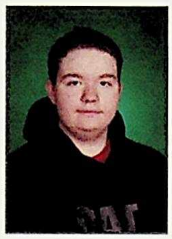

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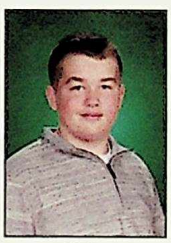

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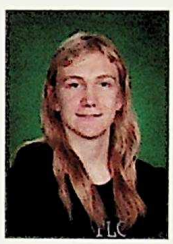

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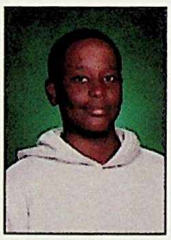

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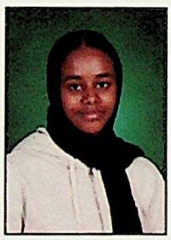

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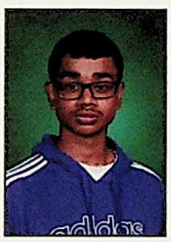

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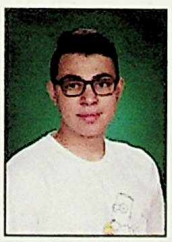

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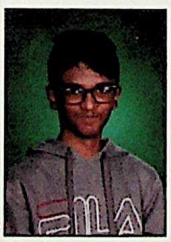

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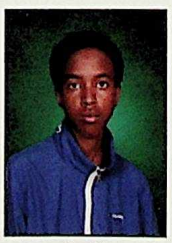

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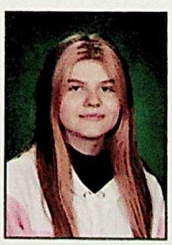

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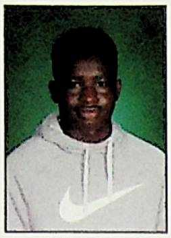

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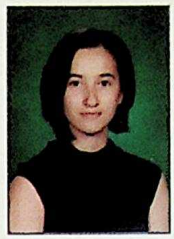

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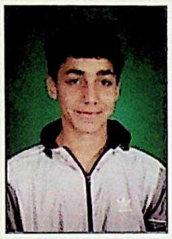

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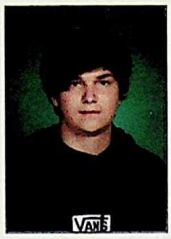

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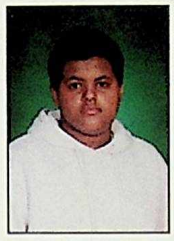

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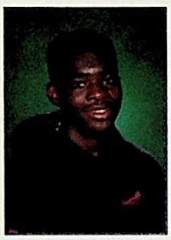

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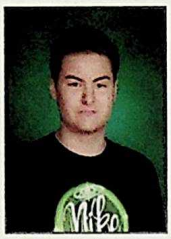

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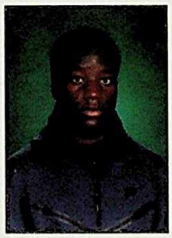

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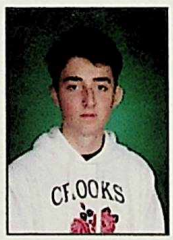

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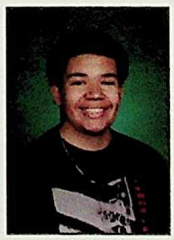

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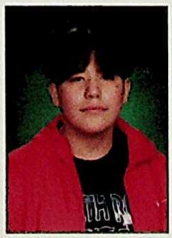

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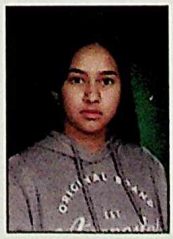

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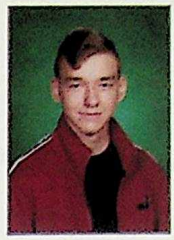
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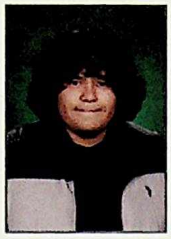
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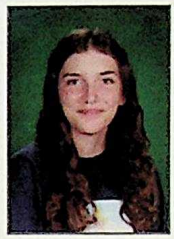
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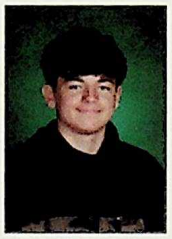
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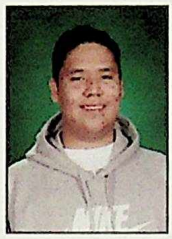
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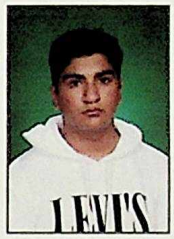

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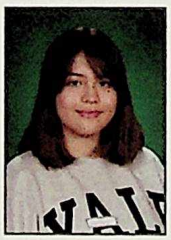
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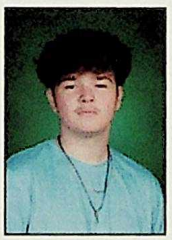
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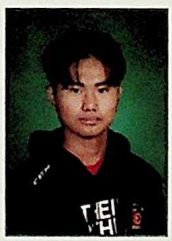
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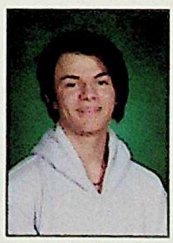
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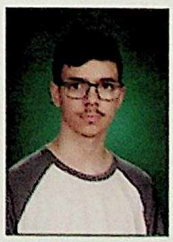
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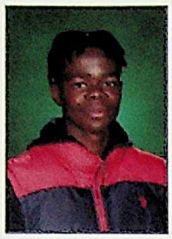

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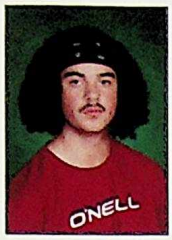

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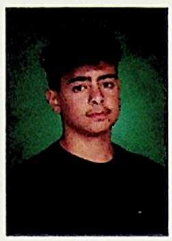

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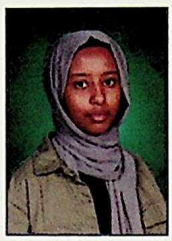

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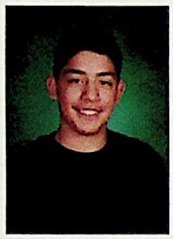

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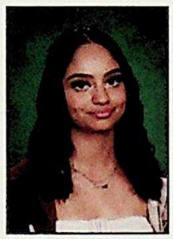

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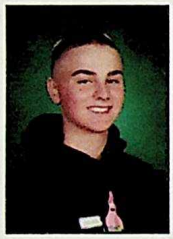

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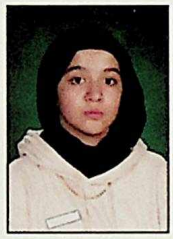

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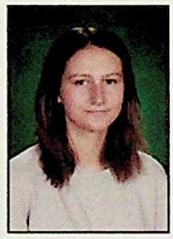

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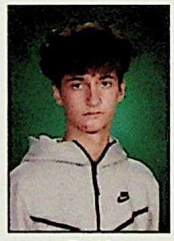

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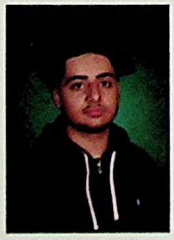

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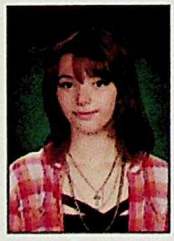

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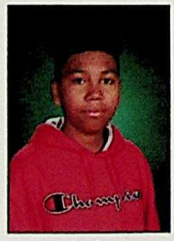

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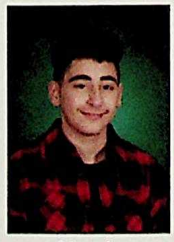

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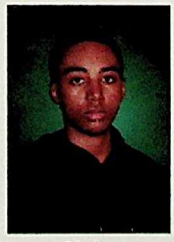

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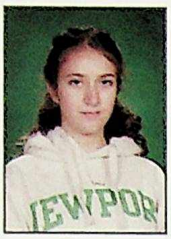

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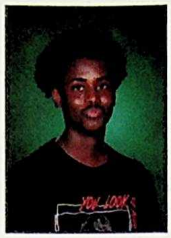

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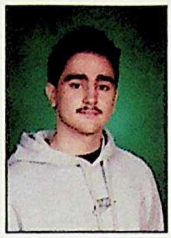

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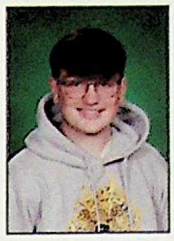

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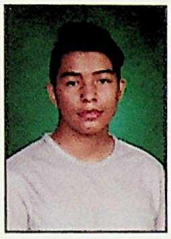

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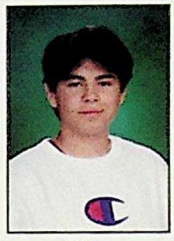

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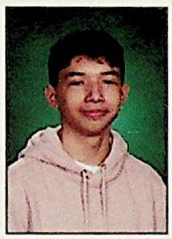

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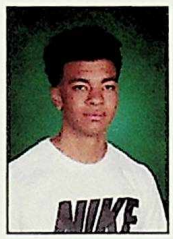

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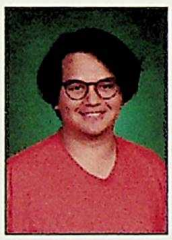

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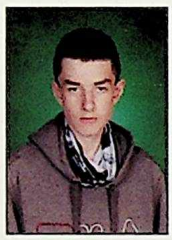

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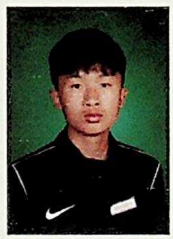

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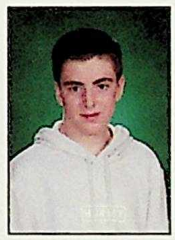

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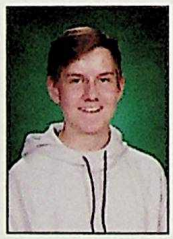

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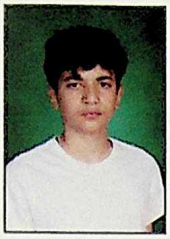

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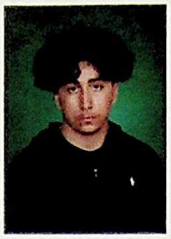

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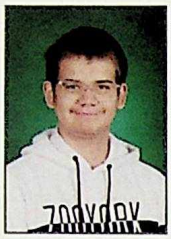

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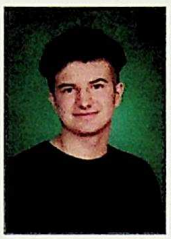

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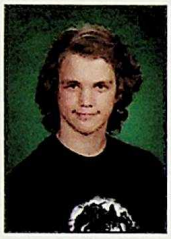

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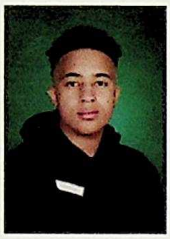

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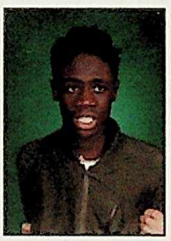

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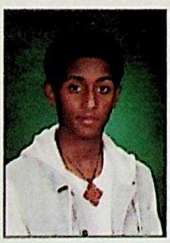

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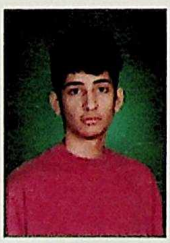

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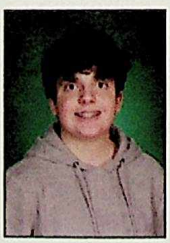

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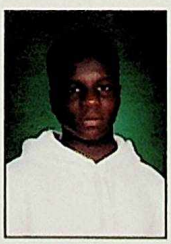

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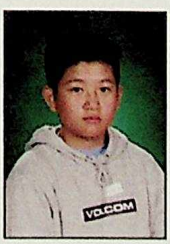

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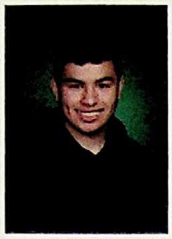
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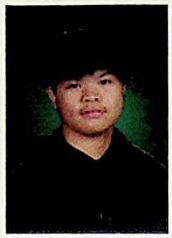
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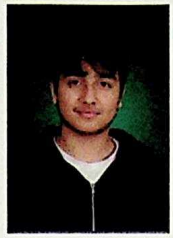
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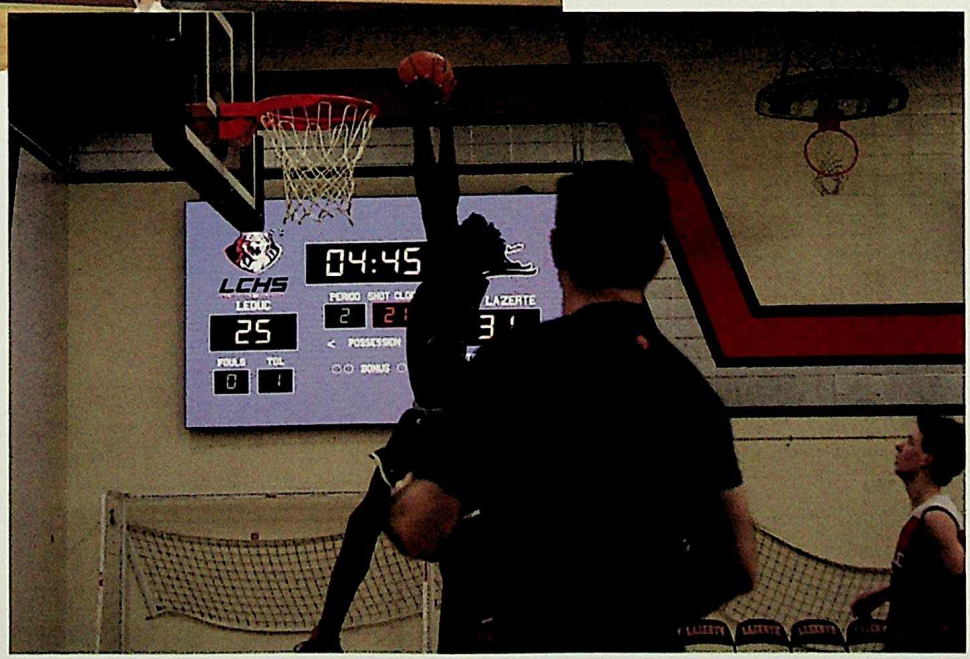
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BASKETBALL

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Rhianna Queeley
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Anna Chubakha
Aubrey Maynes
Camila Candido-Fuentes
Cassandra Moffitt
Kersti Hedman
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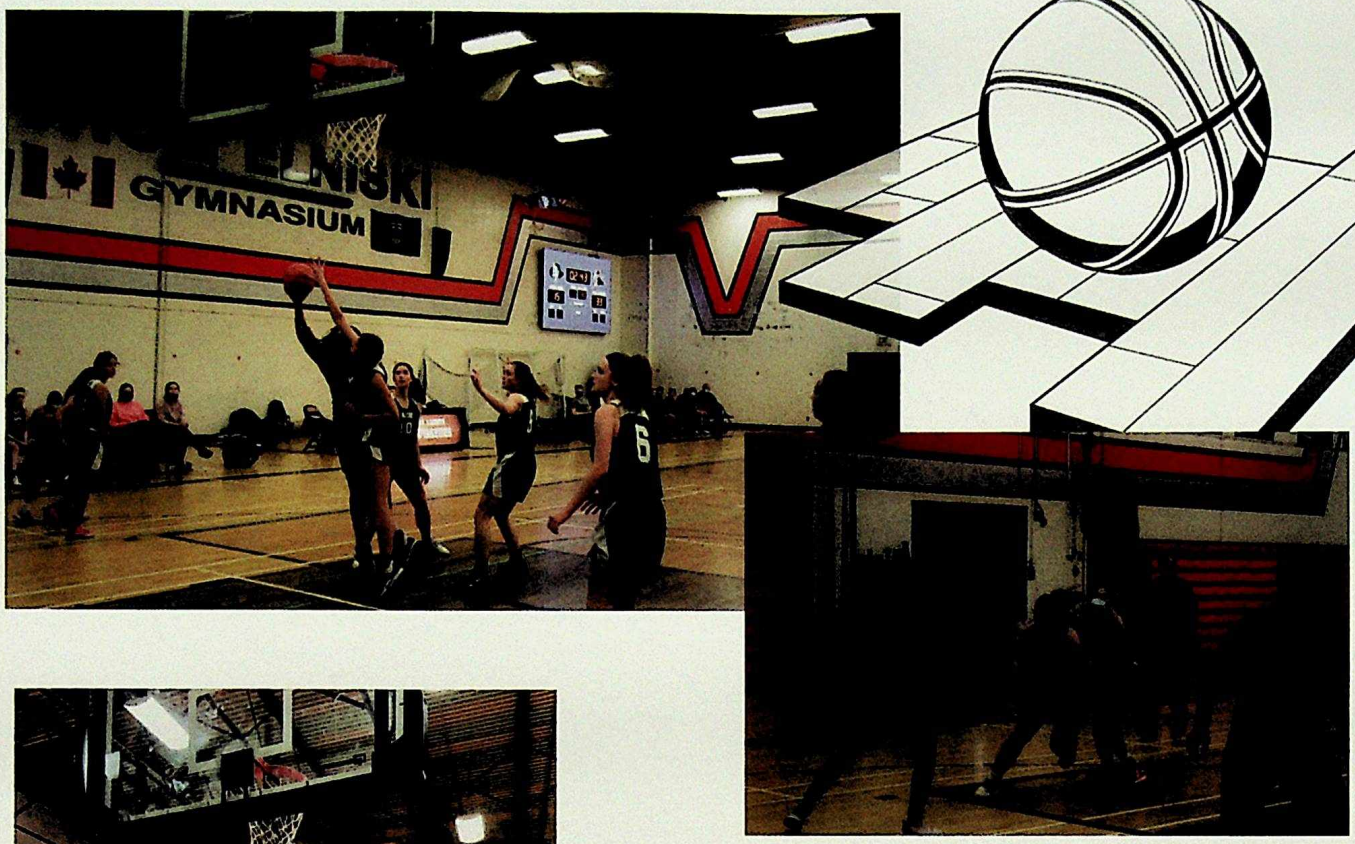
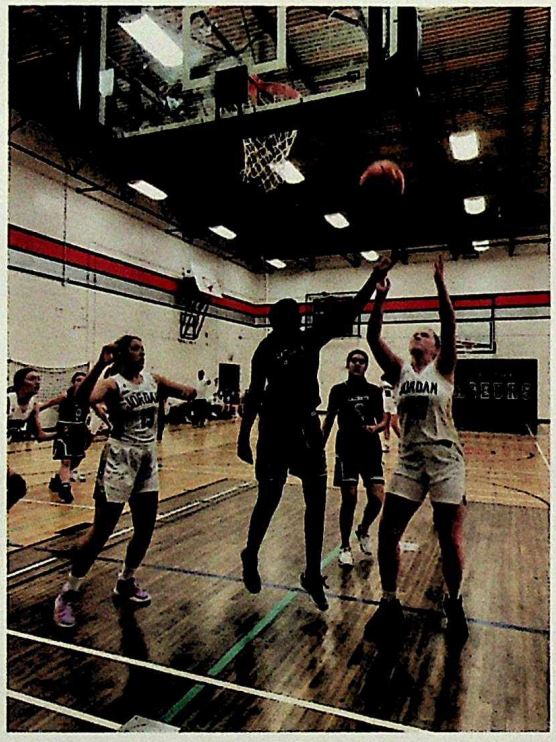
Head Coach: Scott Staples

Assistant Coaches: Thomas Houghton, Taylor Greep, Chelsea Hole, Ben Rollans

Senior Girls





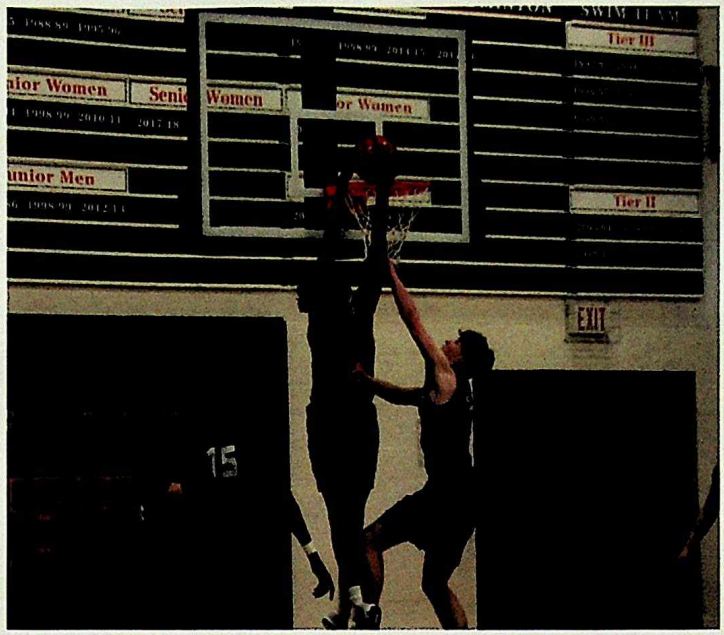
After a year away from sports due to the pandemic, the senior girls basketball team was back at it in the 2021/2022 season. They began the year by challenging themselves against higher ranked opponents in two separate tournaments, providing lessons and growth that was carried throughout the season. There were so many close and hard fought games which allowed them to develop resiliency and character that was on display right down to the final whistle of the season. Both the coaches and the players got to be a part of something great centered around life lessons, learning and laughs.

BASKETBALL

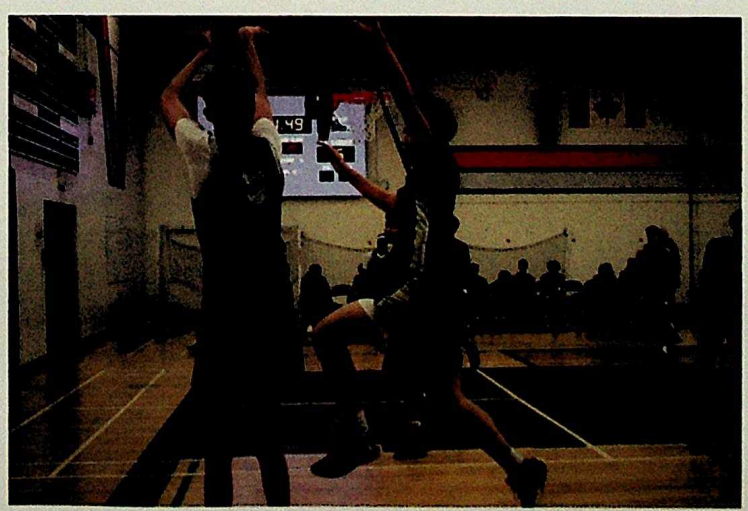
Karim Tubeileh
Diamond Burns
Mustafa Kassab
Vukasin Arbutina
Brendan Morgan
Keegan Shepansky
Kwazey Ford-Mulligan
Shaquille Allen
Joshua Occiano
Ajak Nguoth
Isiah Rosette
Lesley Oiko
Rafah Sempala
Osas Okuomose
Toney Nguoth

Head Coach: Matt Heyworth
Assistant Coach: Zak Chomchuk

Senior Boys



The senior boys had an excellent final game in ability rounds, winning against Edmonton Christian to clinch a spot in Division 1 Metro Athletics. Throughout the season they battled hard but ended up in 11th place in a very competitive Division.

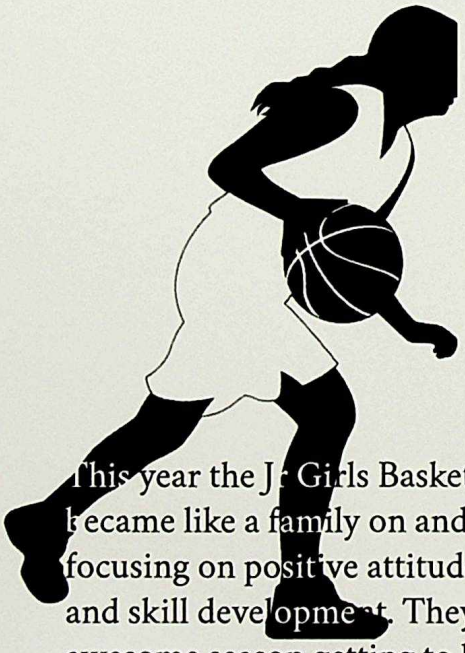


BASKETBALL

Ashley Boateng
Holly Urbanovitch
Ravneet Sehra
Perry Ngarambe
Alanna Richards
Kristin Nganika
Veronica Kpahn
Alex Burton
Hadeel Amreya
Donia Hiddo
Elizabeth Ndeze
Sado Hassan
Bilan Abdullahi
Sarah Gorach
Sarai Zelaya

Head Coach: Sarah Palmer
Assistant Coach: Angie Kon, Savannah Hart

Junior Girls



This year the Jr Girls Basketball team became like a family on and off the court, focusing on positive attitude, teamwork and skill development. They had an awesome season getting to know each other and increasing their athleticism and basketball skills. Their coaches are excited to see what the future brings for this amazing group of athletes.

BASKETBALL

3 Ayham Tubeileh
4 Siraji Mohamed Hussein
5 Ali Dghaich
6 Ryan Decker
7 Ibrahim Ouedraogo
8 Jaiden Headley
9 Charles Russell
10 Maksim Kovacic
11 Muhammad Moaaz Rafiq
12 Zakariya Musa
13 Jastinvir Singh
14 Carter Lajeunesse
23 Jack Roem
15 Oluwapamilerin Adejuwon
21 Ethan Alook-Corscadden

Head Coach: Farooq Maseehuddin
Assistant Coach: Stasha Elniski
Team Manager: Abdul-Rahman Hamoud

Junior Boys

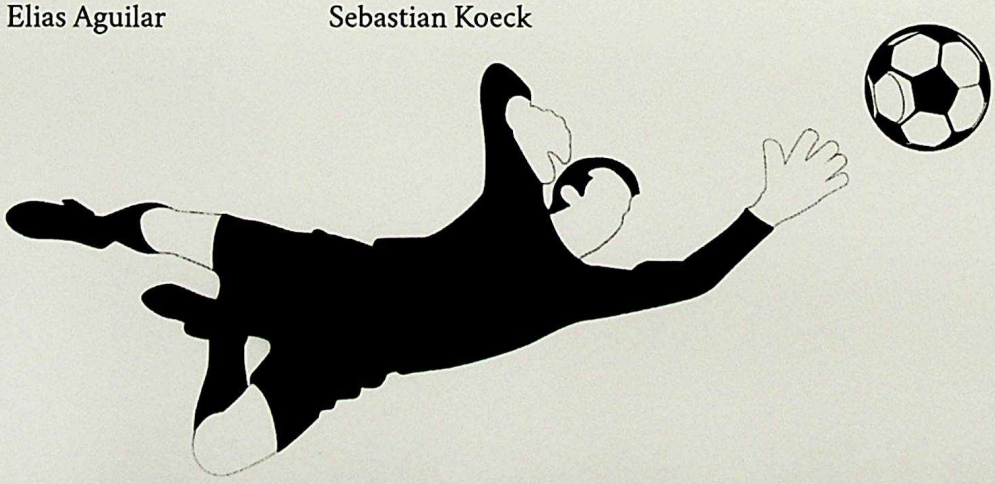
Our junior mens basketball team had a special 2021/22 season. We finished the regular season with a 9 - 2 record, good for second-best in our division. In the playoffs, we won an exciting game against Leduc in the quarterfinals and a nail biter against Bellrose in the semifinals before losing in the finals to Spruce Grove. In both victory and defeat, each member of our team played with both passion and joy and collectively, were grateful for every practice and game we competed in together.

INDOOR SOCCER

Dryden Ferchoff
David Sementchev
Alud Woldoyohannes
Avionne Marsh
Bria Nichol
Camila Candido
Chade Marsh
Chris Majaliwa
Dayla Armstrong
Elias Aguilar
Hakan Gulluk
Isaiah Hallett
Jawad Salla
Kale Buchanan
Lamara Frazer
Milan Turk
Mohamad El-Bekai
Nickolas Tang
Payton Cooper
Sebastian Koeck

Head Coaches: Mr. Smith, Mr. Candido, Mr. Teixiera

Assistant Coaches: Ms. Boucher, Mr. Lehman



In the regular season the Voyageurs Indoor Soccer Team had a winning record of 4 wins in 7 matches. From there, the team went on to the quarter-finals defeating Scona in a thrilling penalty shootout - where the Voyageurs would eventually lose to the champions (Harry Ainlay) in a tough semi-final match-up. The coaches thank the players for a competitive, successful - but most of all - fun season, this year.

BADMINTON

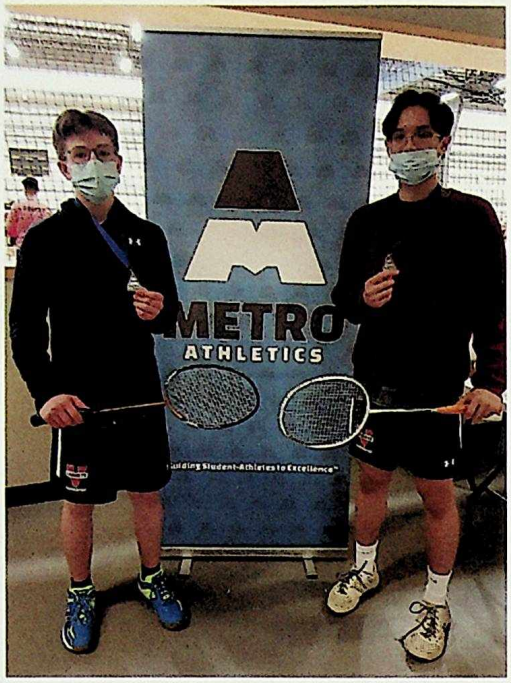
Hannah Yu
Linda Zheng
Ivana Au Yang
Nikisha Nguyen
Mousa Yassin
Benson Chiem

Anyka Le
Camila Candido
Kelson Nguyen
Cameron Mah
Gregory Friske
Ethan Zukowsky

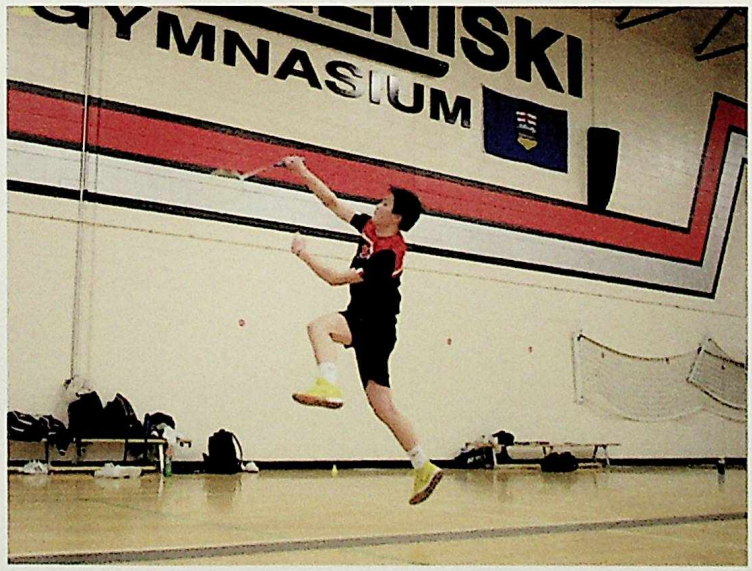
Nathan Poon
Ryan Phan
Vincent Yu
Duncan Gaunt
Keily Liw
Cathy Lam

Erica Wong
Megyn Le
Brandon Han
Brian Ma
Shaoyong Ke

Coaches: Kevin MacAlpine, Melanie Chan, Ling Zheng, Guerin Tran, Johnas Wong, Anika Wong, Aiden Friske, Elisha Arucan, John Li, Vina Tse, Priscilla Cheung



The LaZerte badminton team had a great year. Lots of amazing results and a huge improvement in the development of all athletes on the team. On the team side we lost in the quarter finals to Old Scona - but all athletes held their heads high as we were a very competitive team in division 1 across the entire city. We had lots of close chances to qualify athletes for provincials - but in the end we sent 1 intermediate boys doubles team - Kelson Nguyen and Greg Friske. They went 5-1 at provincials in Medicine Hat - losing the final to their Edmonton rivals from Lillian Osborne. This year our athletes competed in a Harry Ainlay tournament as well as the first ever M.E. LaZerte badminton tournament. The team looks to build off their success this year and are looking forward to next year already! Thanks to the entire team of coaches - it was a complete team effort to make this year successful for all.



ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP

Ameera Alshaheen
Ashley Boateng
Abigail Brock
Paige Campbell
Cassandra Corpuz
Kaylee Dmetruk
Fowzon Dubat
Freida Eqwu
Mohamed Ibrahinadan
Ash Jacklin
Delanie Johnson
Japnoor Khehra
Kiera La
Sydnie Laliberte
Kelly Lin
Aubrey Maynes
Sydney Norman
Kathy Pham
Rhianna Queeley
Jenna Velazquez
Shaleen Walji
Ethan Wong

This very important team worked so hard all year with basketball and volleyball scorekeeping, weekend tournaments, soccer lines and so much more. Great job to all - athletics would not be possible without this amazing team!

"One day or DAY ONE. You decide."

-Paulo Coelho

UNIFIED

We had 5 student volunteers partnered with 5 athletes that competed in Bocce Ball, Bean bag toss and basketball who represented our school very well at the unified metro championships hosted by Bellerose High School. Great job team!

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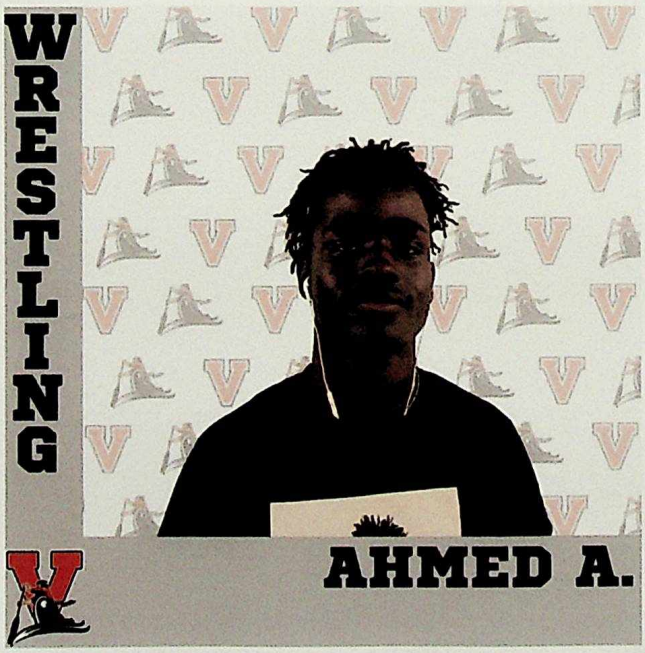

M.E. LaZerte had one very dedicated wrestler who competed in the Metro Championships this year. Ahmed did very well with a top 4 finish in his category, but narrowly missed out on qualifying for provincials.

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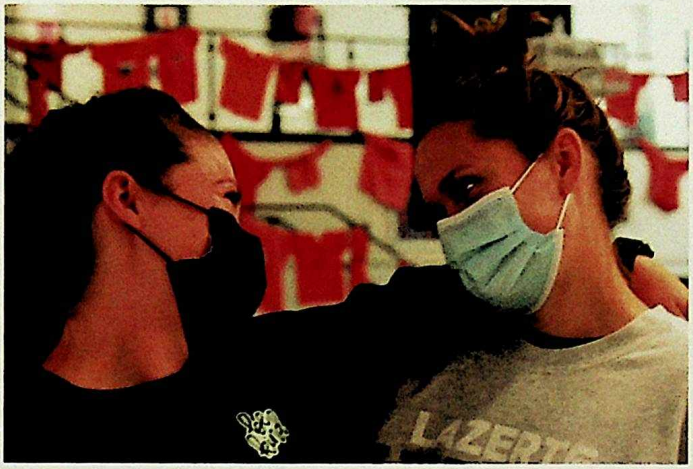

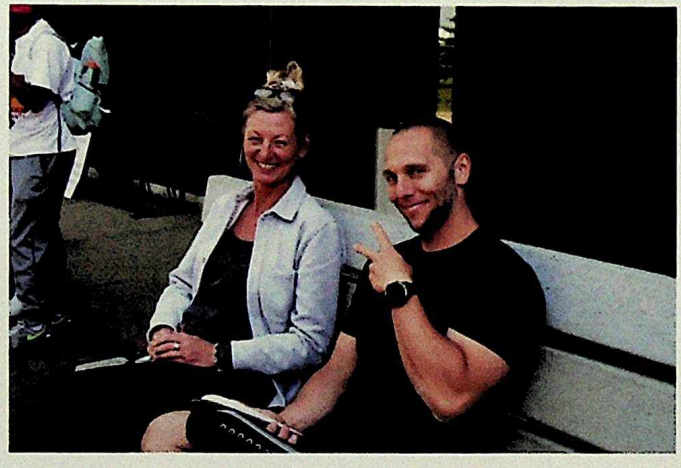

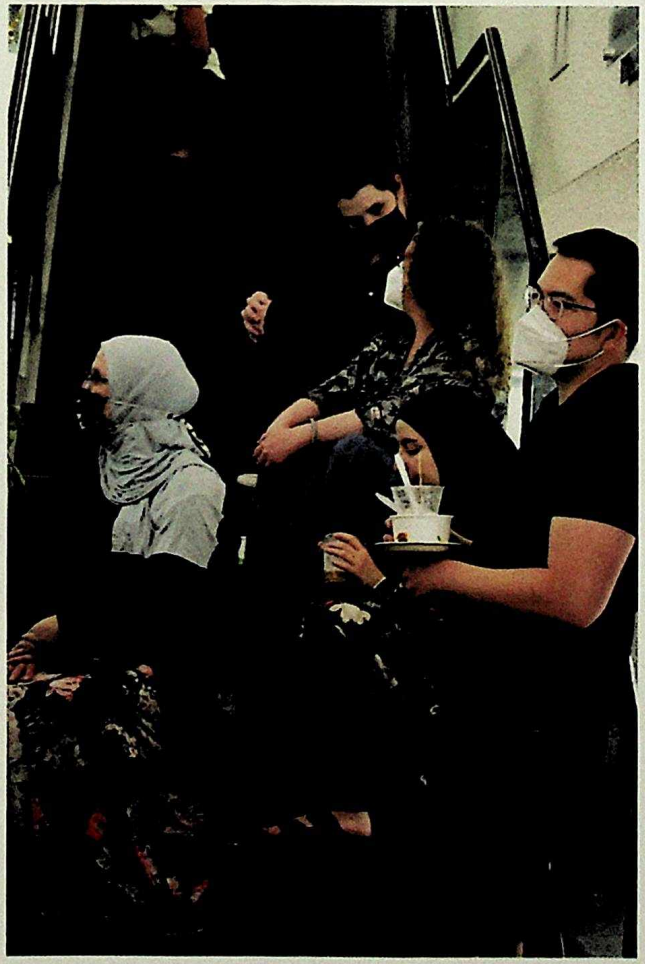

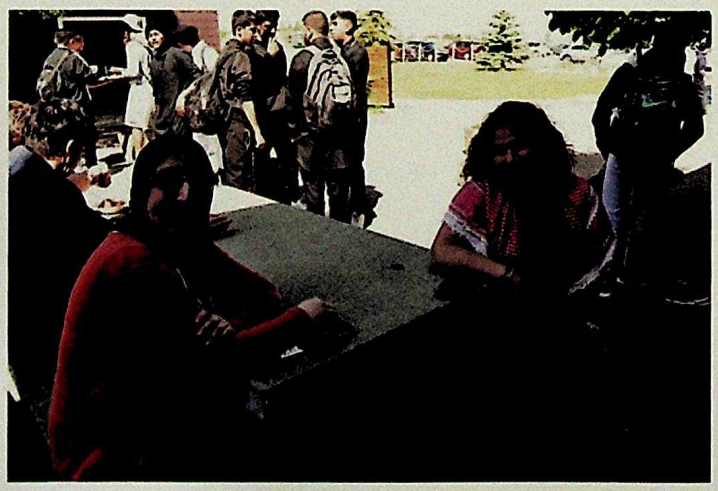

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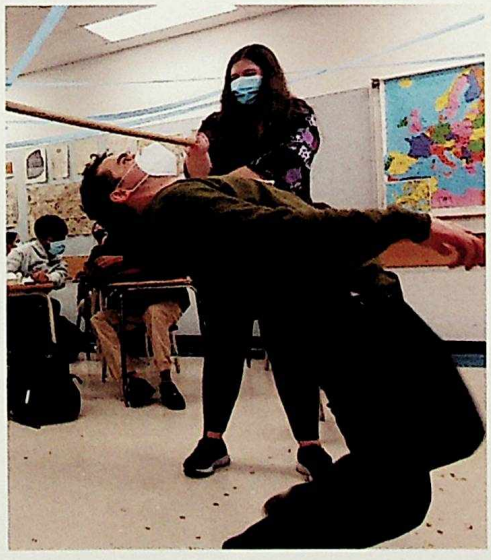

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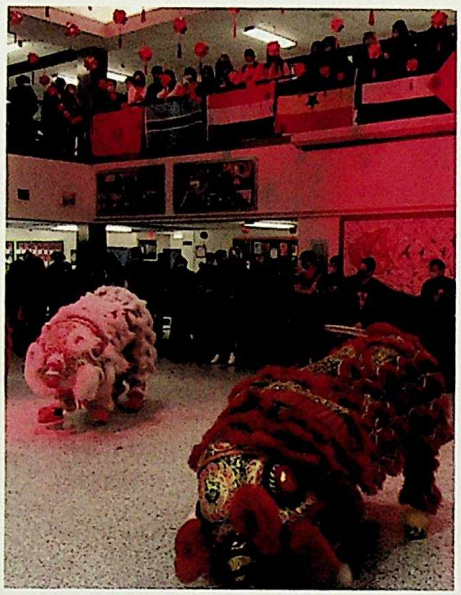

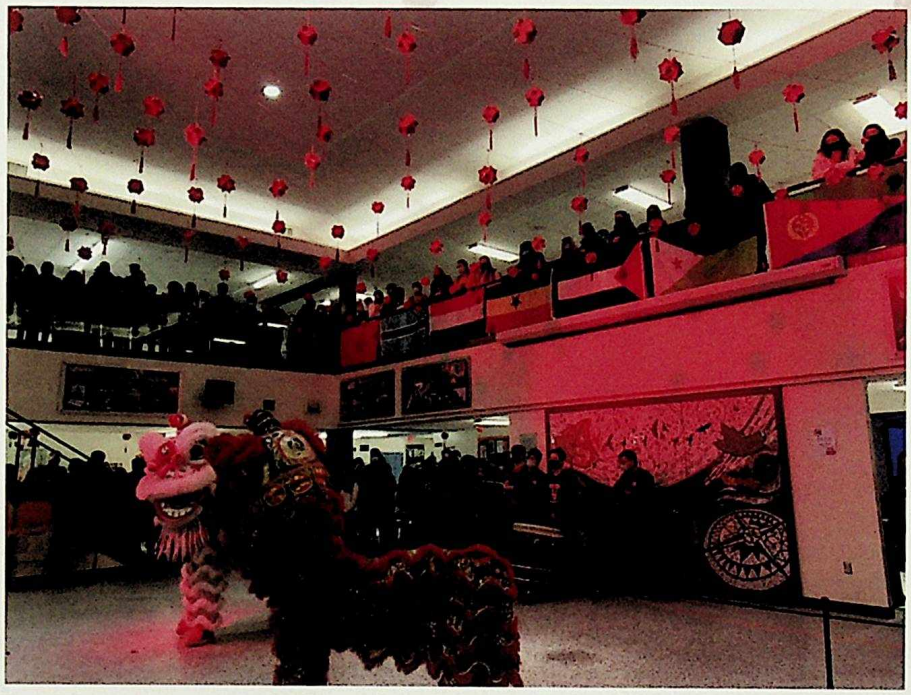

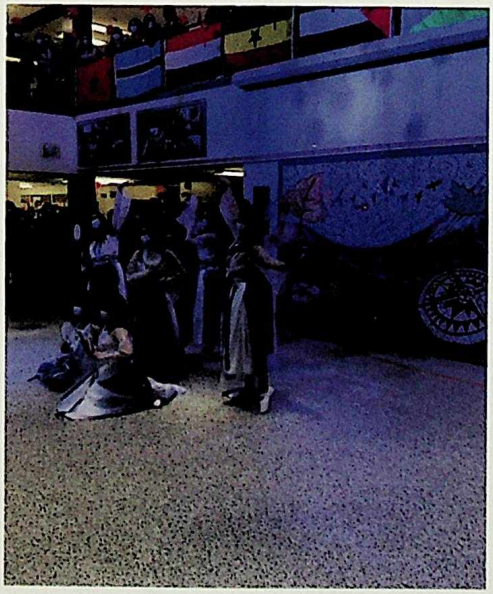

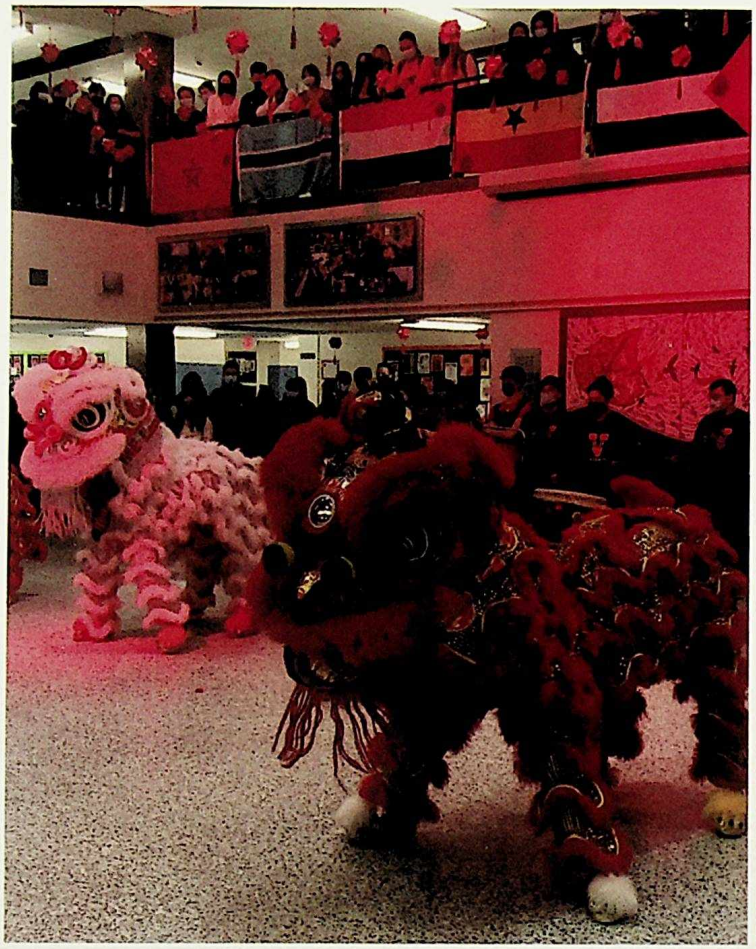

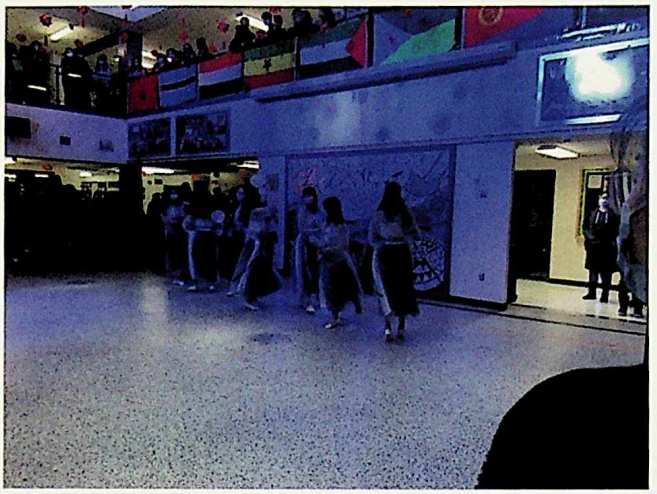

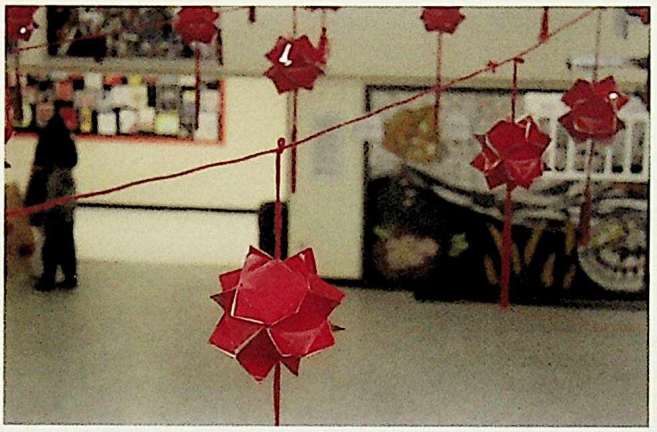

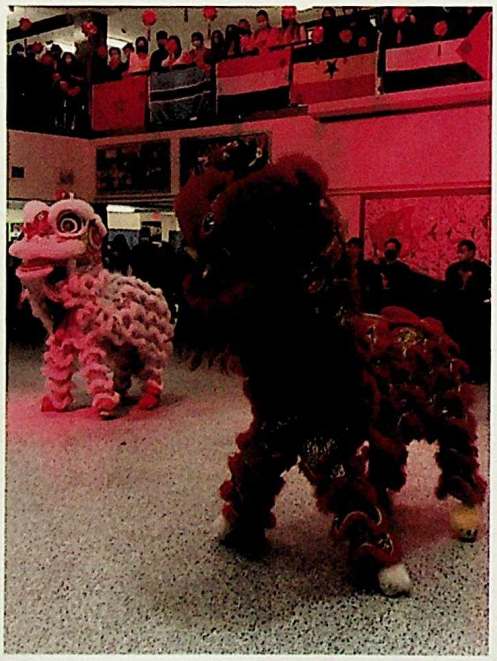

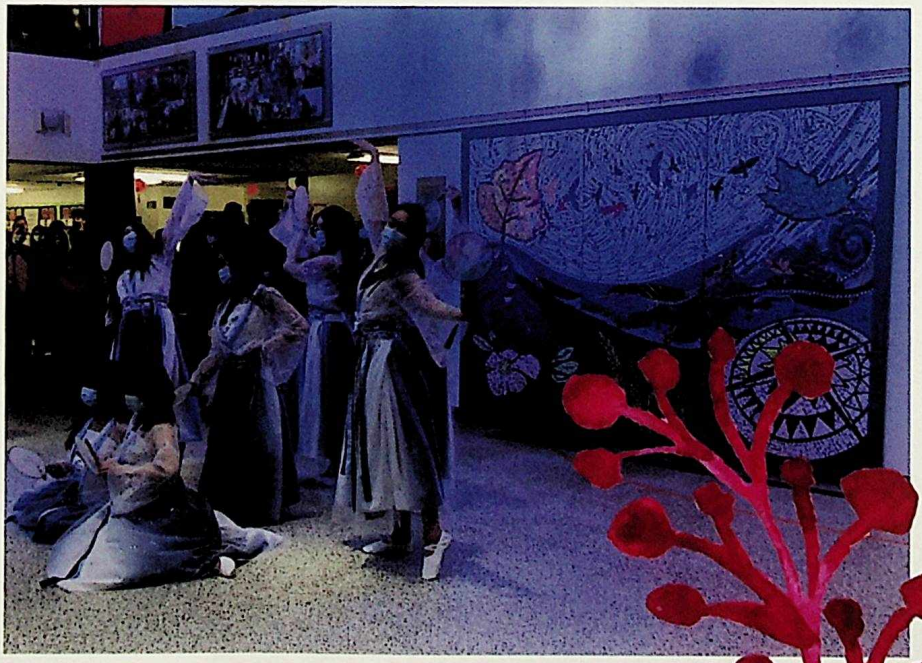

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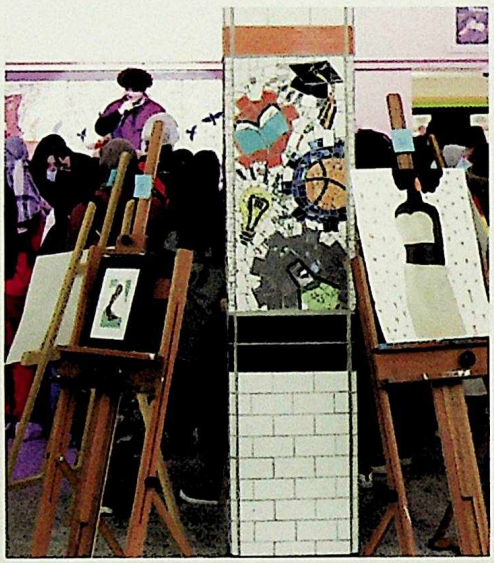

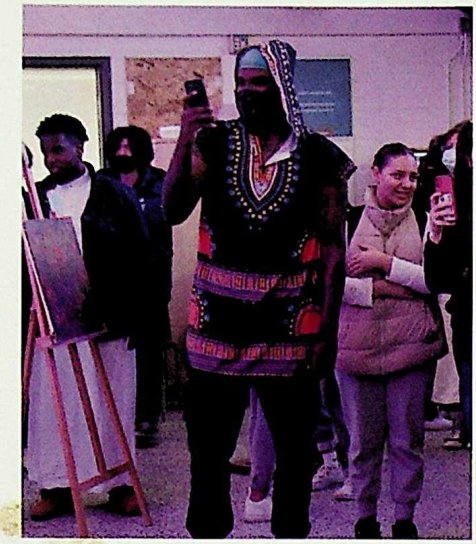

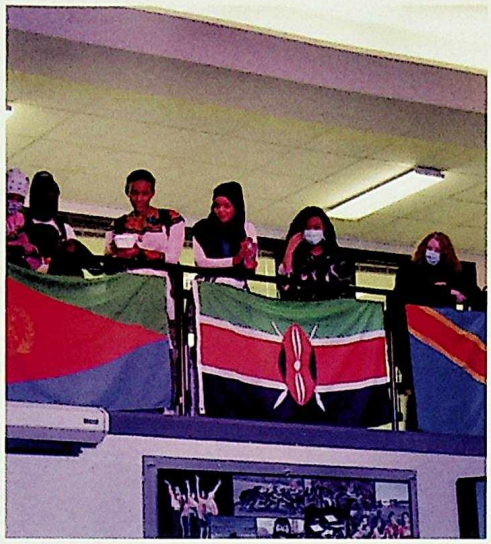

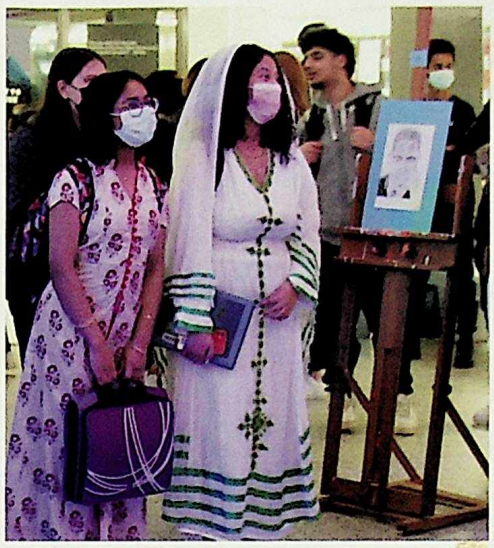

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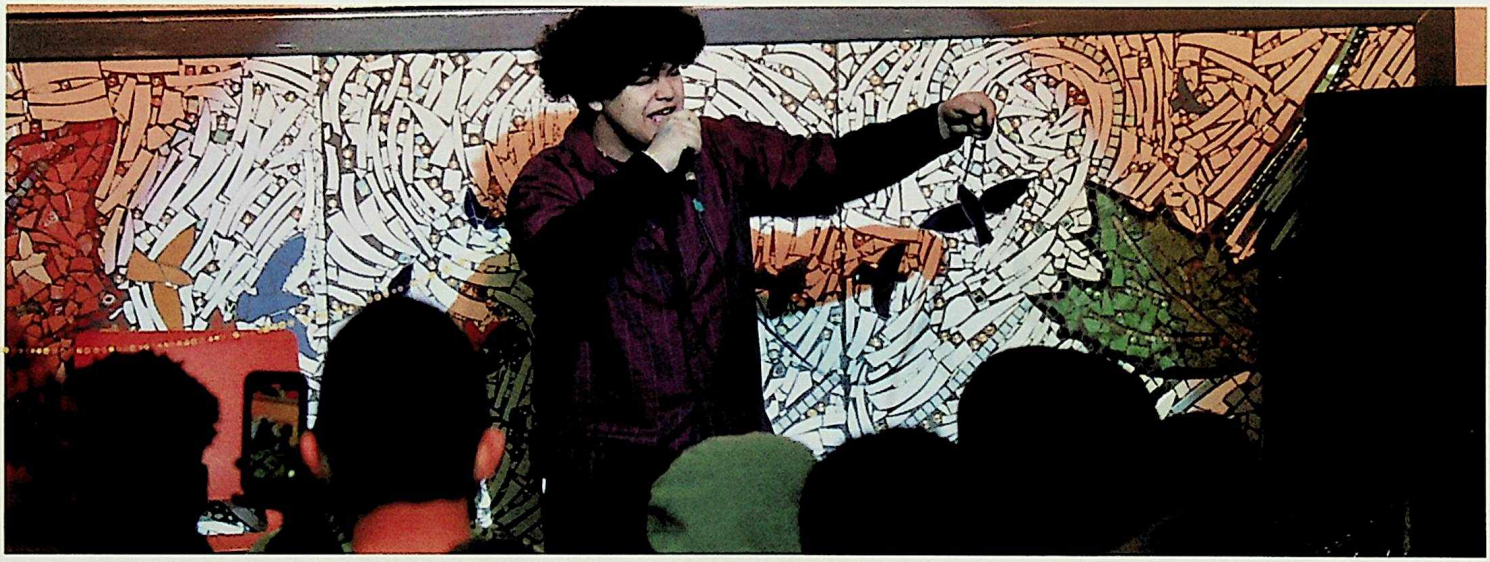

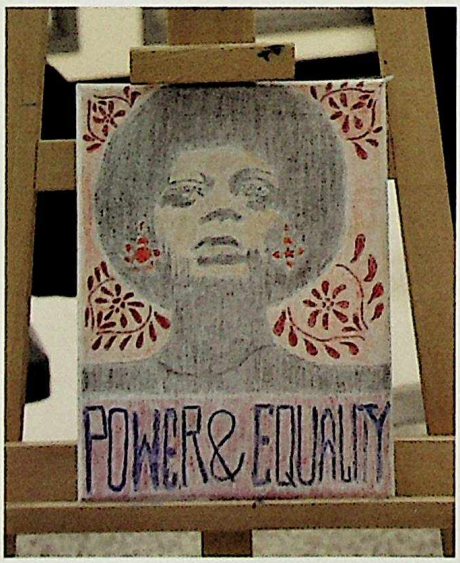

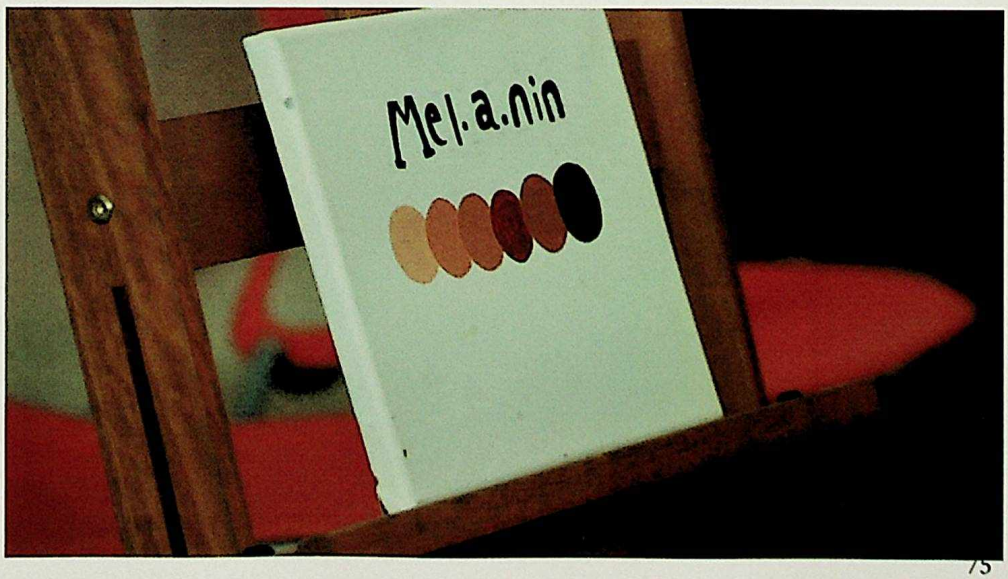

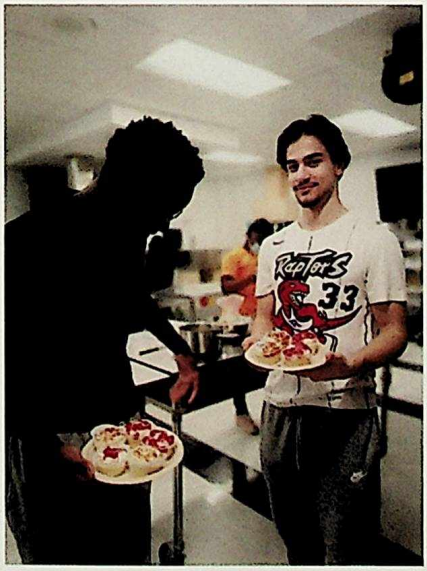
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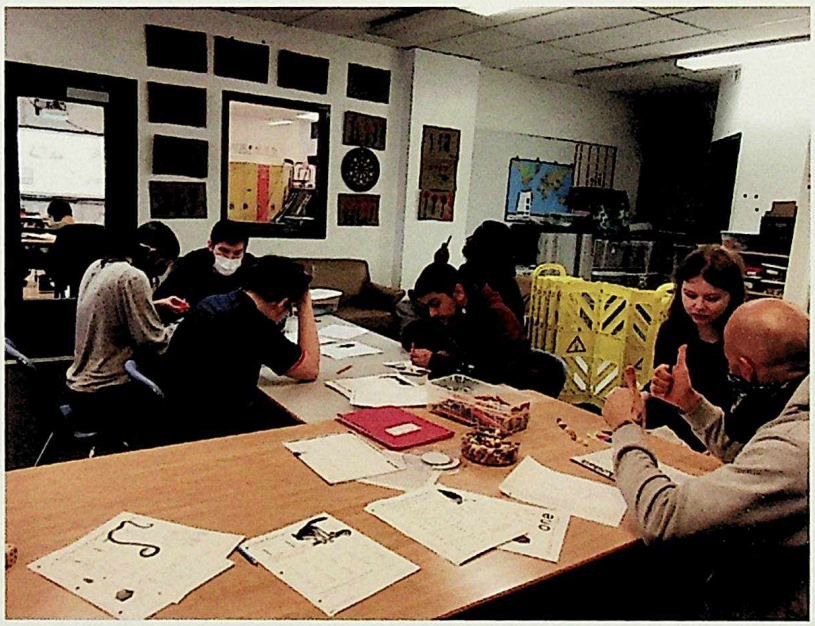
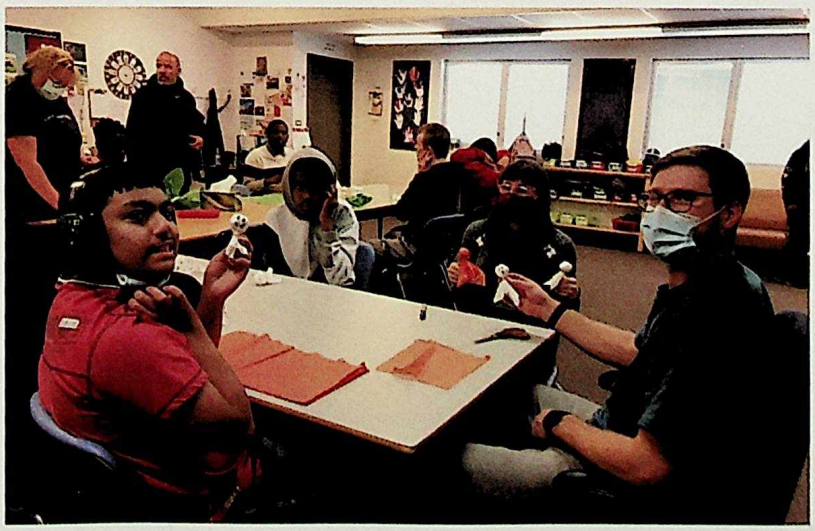
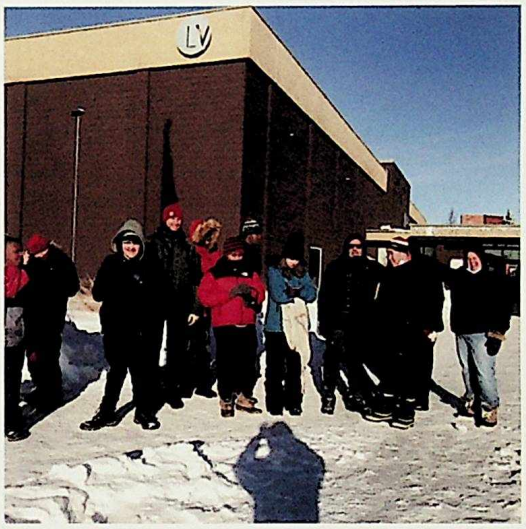




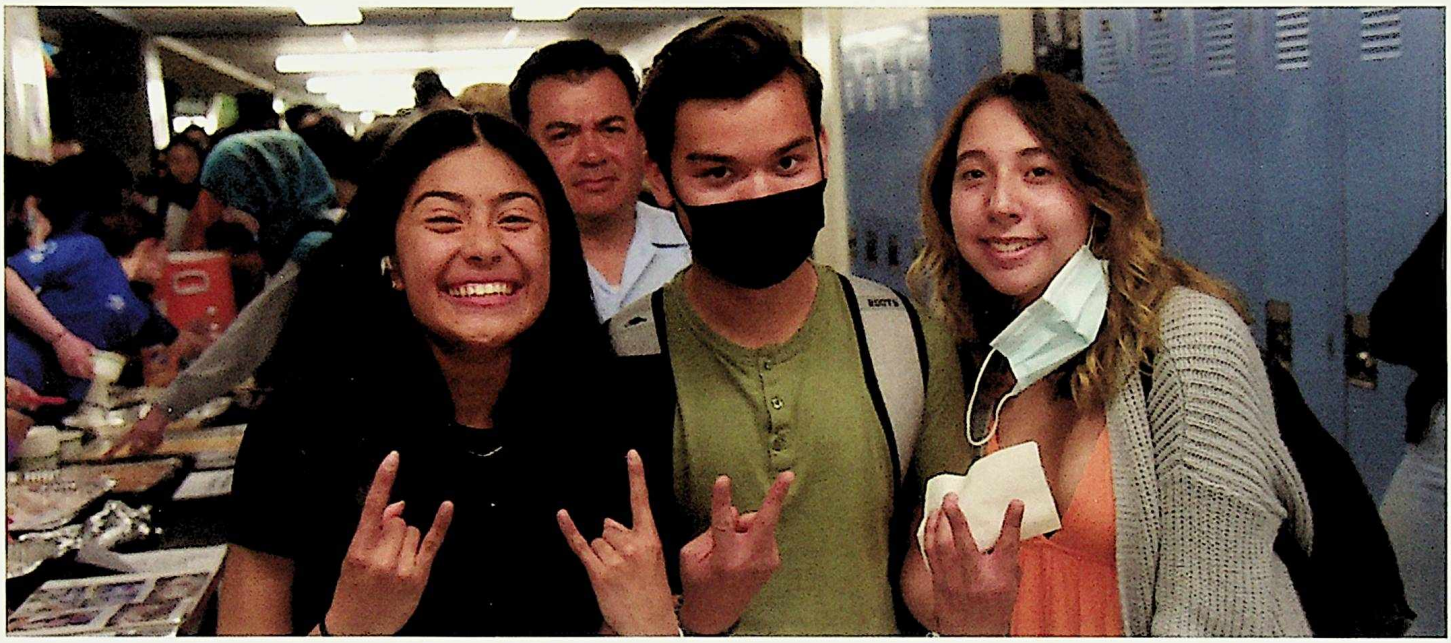


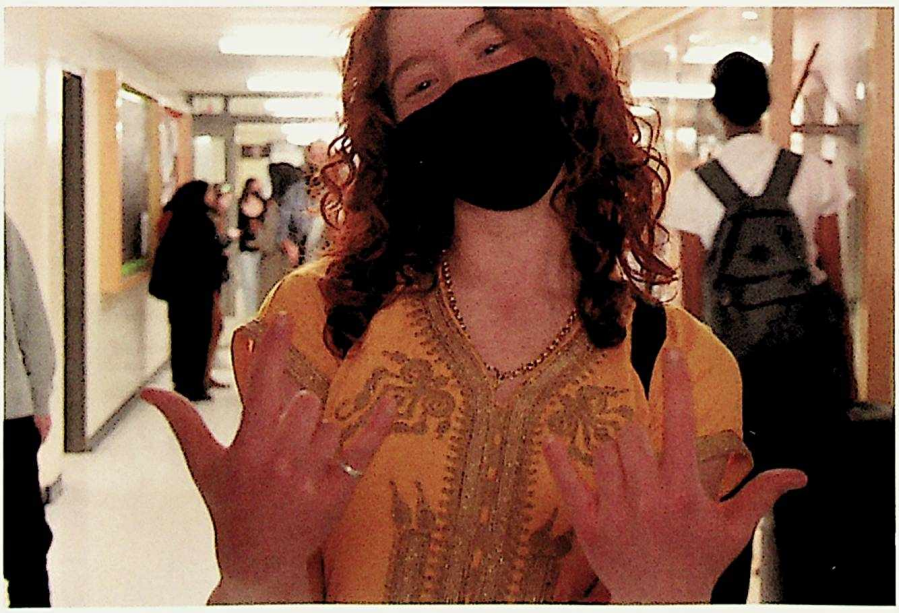
This year in Interactions we have had a blast! From reading, writing, and math to Just Dance and Bocce at the track our students have enjoyed an amazing activity packed year. We are so grateful to our amazing Educational Assistants and the other students in our school such as the Leadership students, Mrs. Burton's French classes, and the Athletic Leadership students who volunteered parts of their day to join us in some of these activities. Our students benefit so much from your help and you add so much to our program. We are looking forward to a new year with lots of learning, but first: SUMMER!!

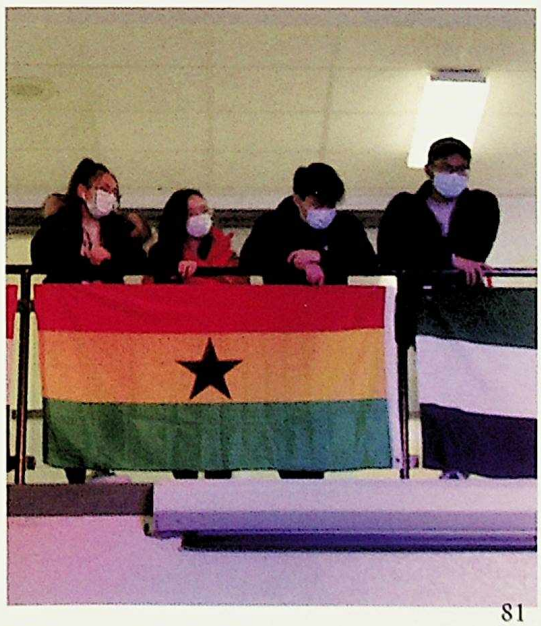
GRADE 11

Even though this was our second year at M.E., it felt like our first 'real' year, because we finally got to expericen some of the things we'd been looking forward to since junior high. From being able to walk through the hallways (instead of outside), eat in the cafeteria AND keep things in our lockers, it was quite a shift from last year.

Now that we've seen what a high school year can look like, we are so excited for our grade 12 year, and everything that will come with it.







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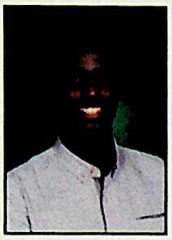

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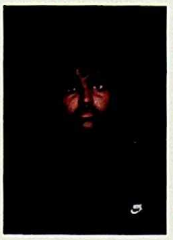

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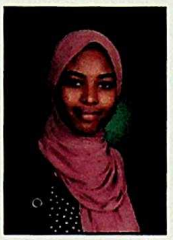

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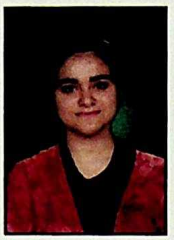

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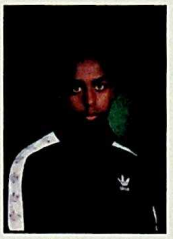

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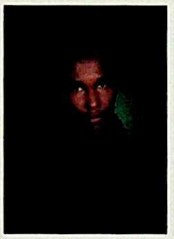

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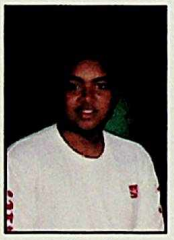

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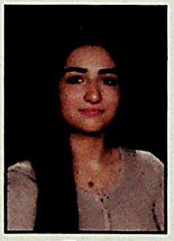

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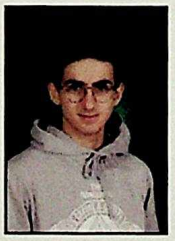

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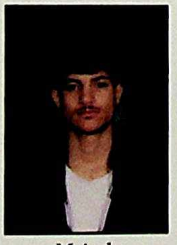

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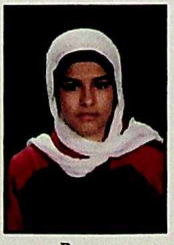

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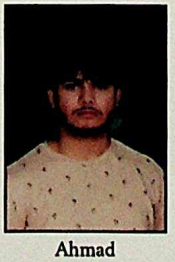

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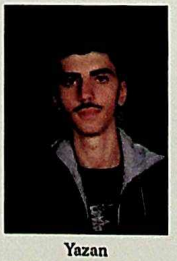

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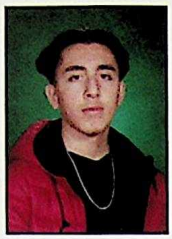

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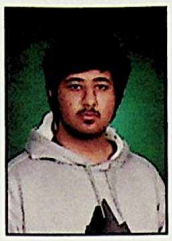

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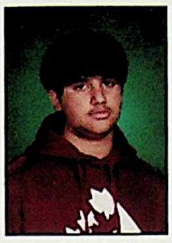

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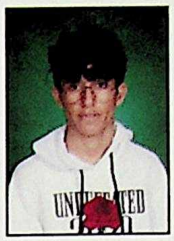

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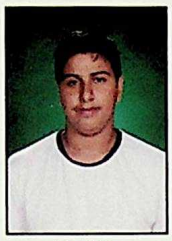

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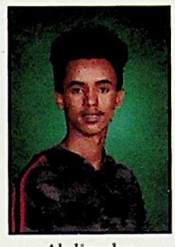

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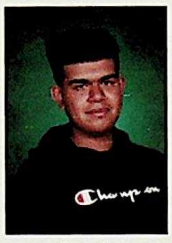

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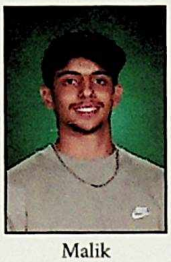

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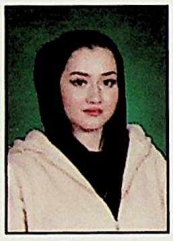

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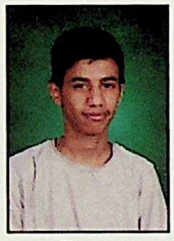

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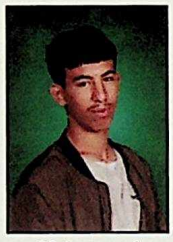

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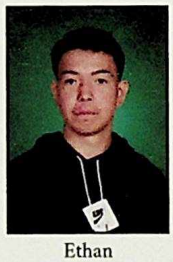

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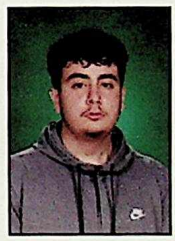

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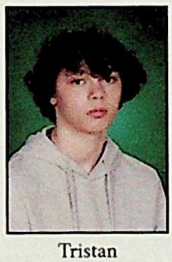

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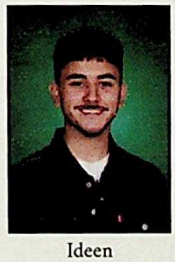

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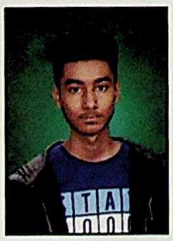

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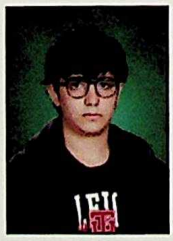

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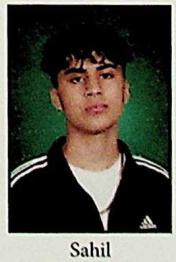

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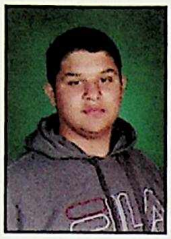

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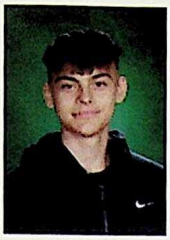

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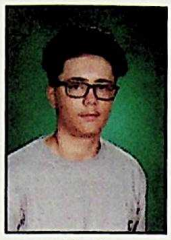

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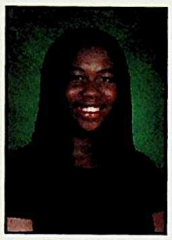

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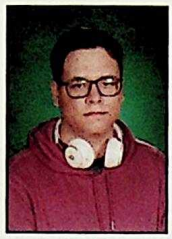

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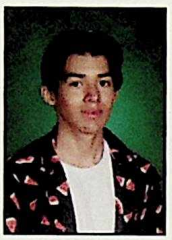

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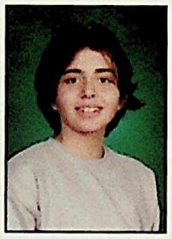

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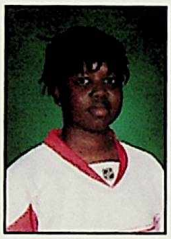

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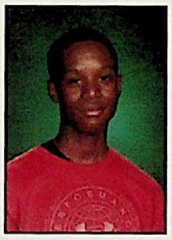

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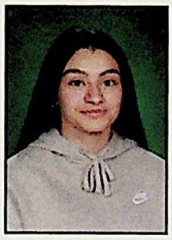

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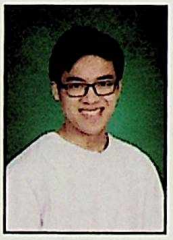

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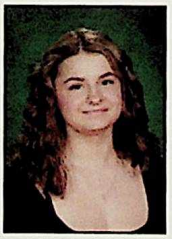

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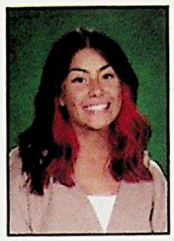
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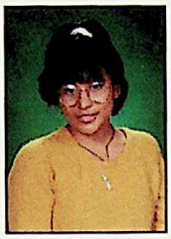
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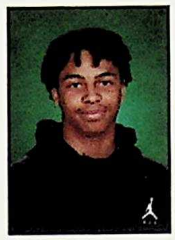
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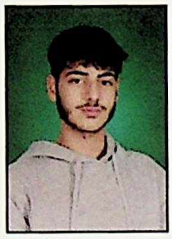
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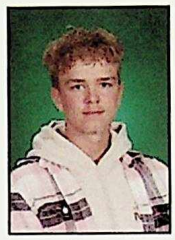
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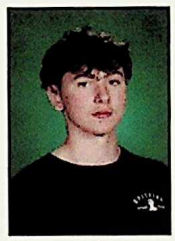
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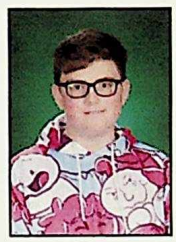
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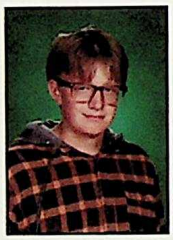
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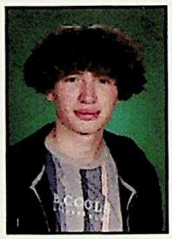
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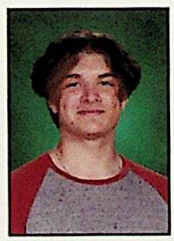
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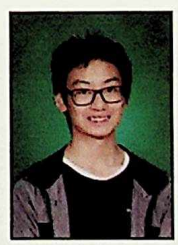
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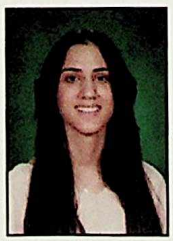
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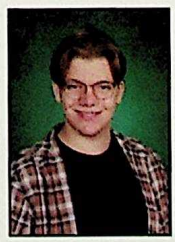
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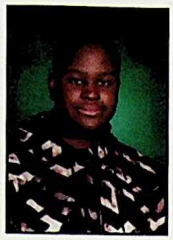

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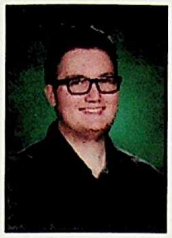

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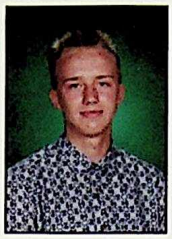

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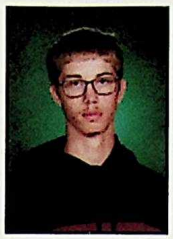

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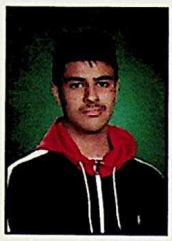

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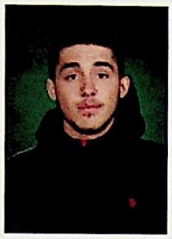

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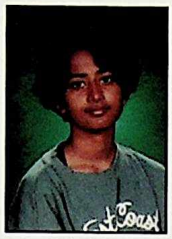

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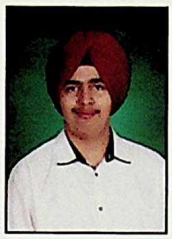

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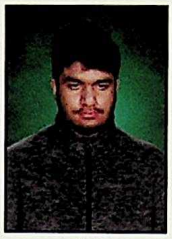

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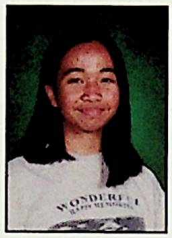

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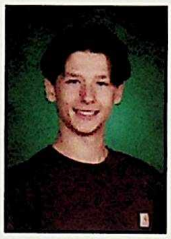

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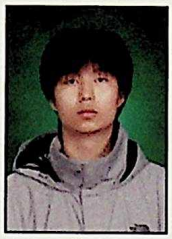

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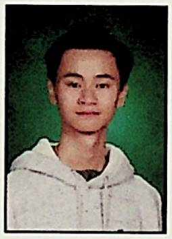

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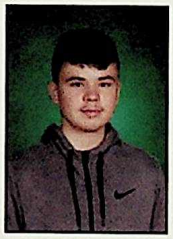

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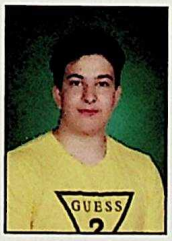

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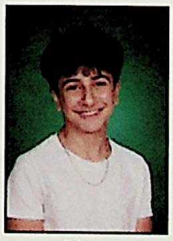

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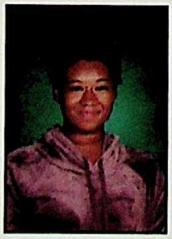

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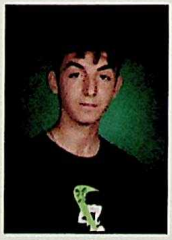

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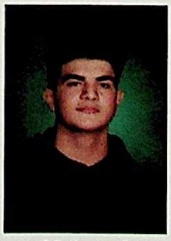

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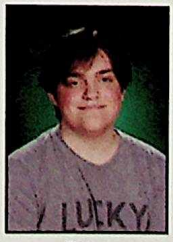

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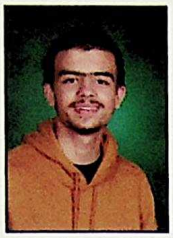
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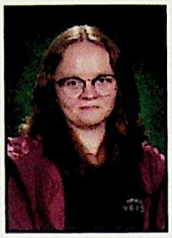
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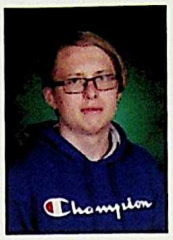

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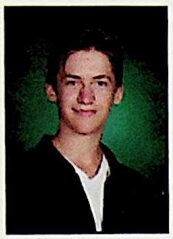
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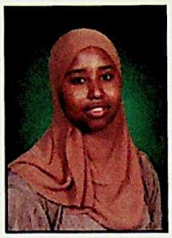
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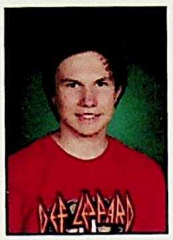
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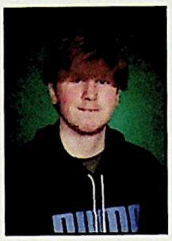
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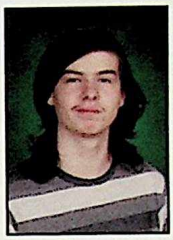
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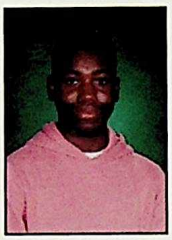
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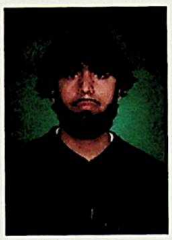
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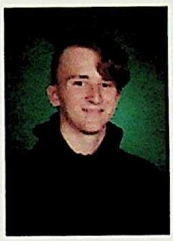
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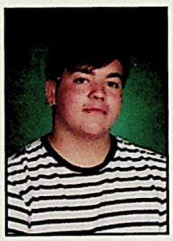
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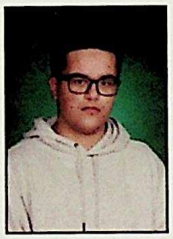
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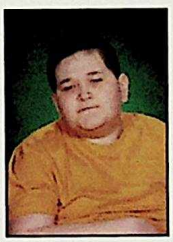
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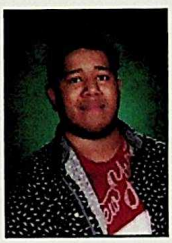
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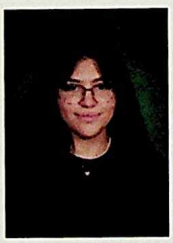
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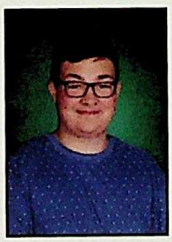
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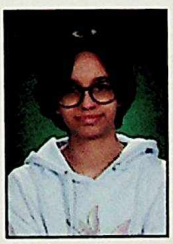
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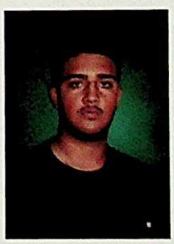
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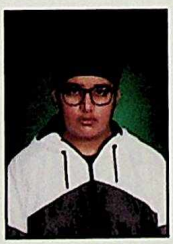
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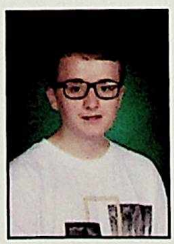
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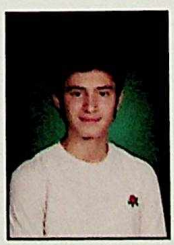
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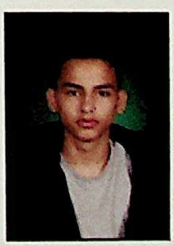
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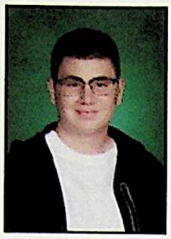

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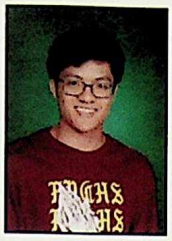

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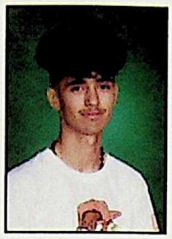

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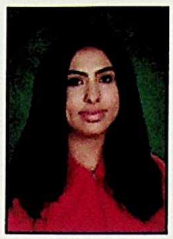

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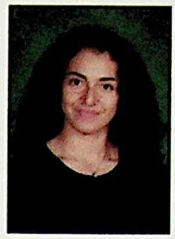

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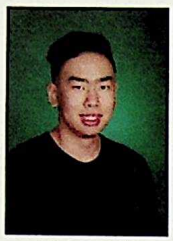

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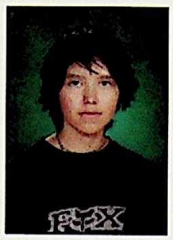

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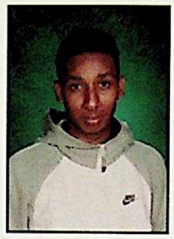

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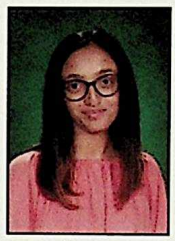

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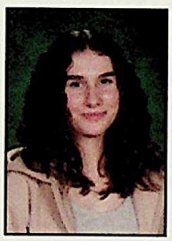

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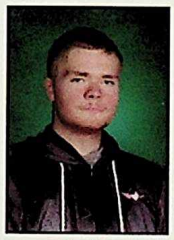

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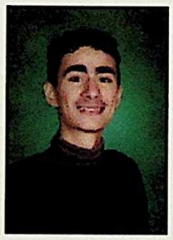

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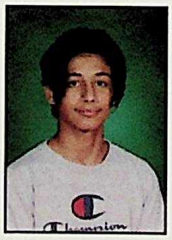

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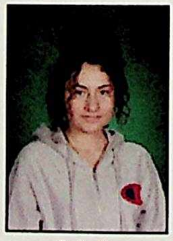

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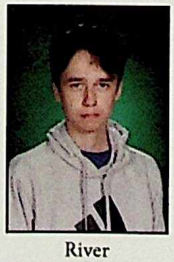

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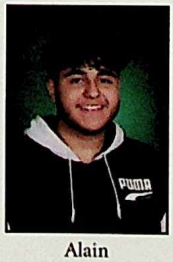

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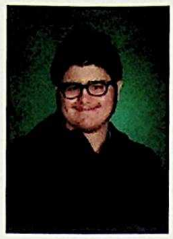
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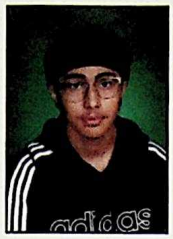
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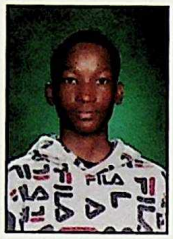
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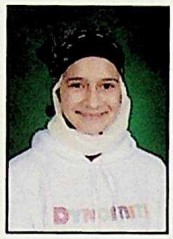
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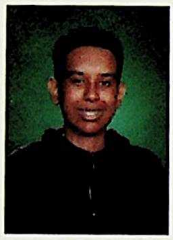
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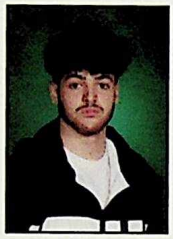
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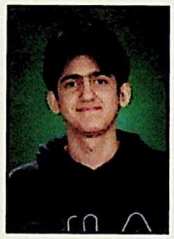
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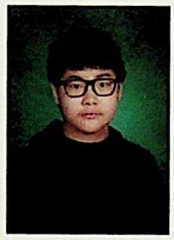
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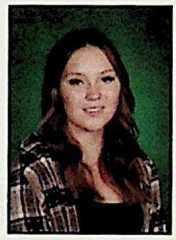
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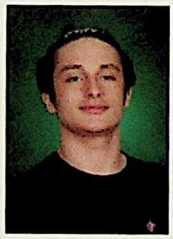
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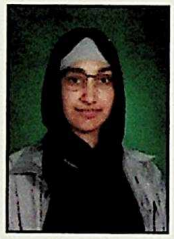
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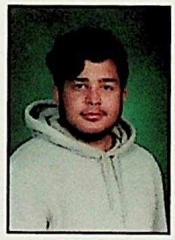
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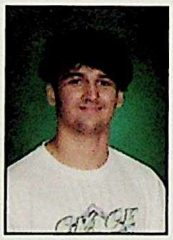
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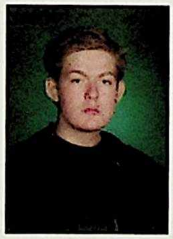
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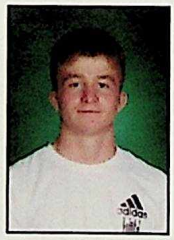
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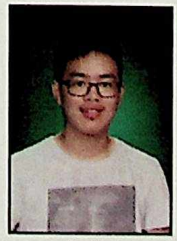
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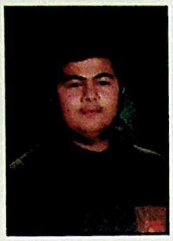

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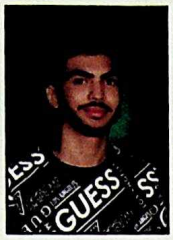

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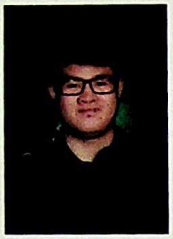

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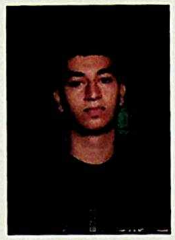

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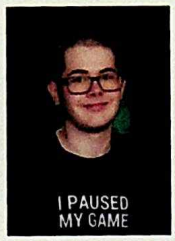

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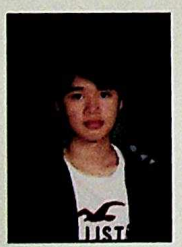

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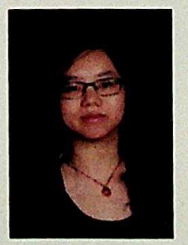

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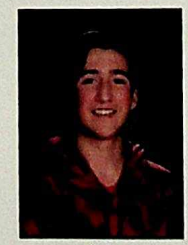

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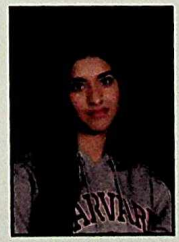

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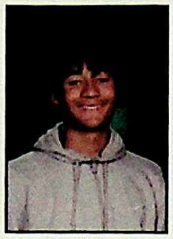
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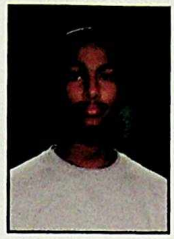
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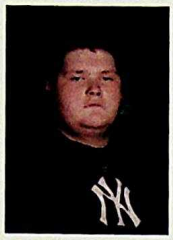
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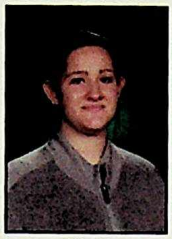
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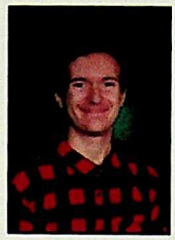
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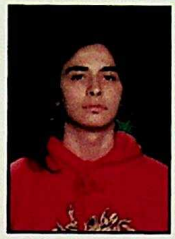
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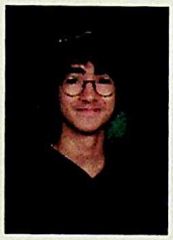
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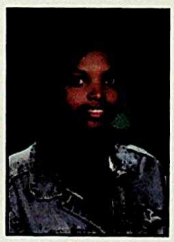
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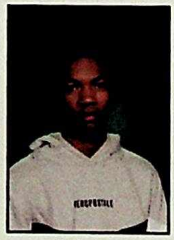
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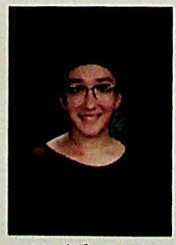
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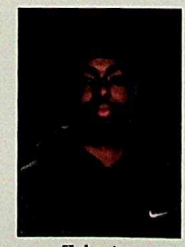
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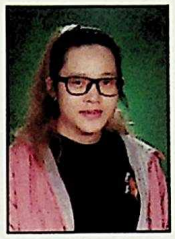

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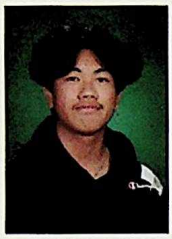

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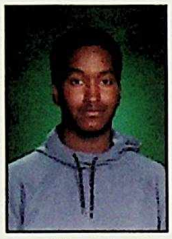

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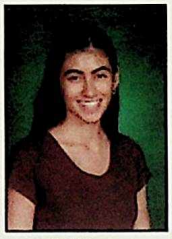

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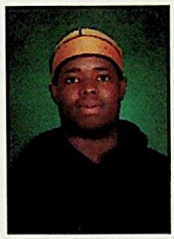

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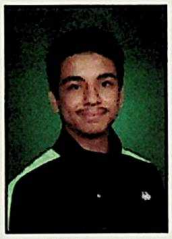

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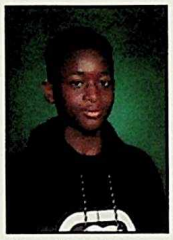

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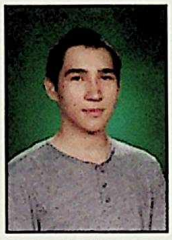

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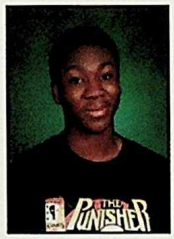

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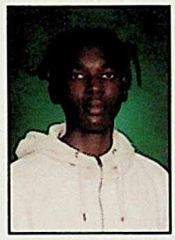

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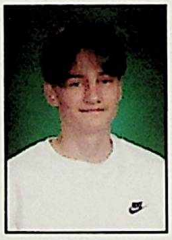

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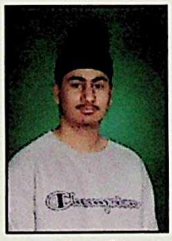

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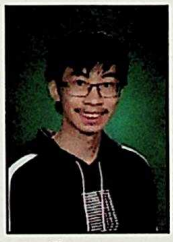

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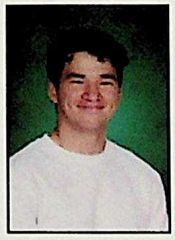

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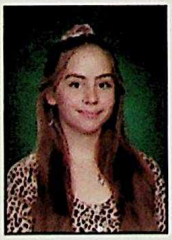

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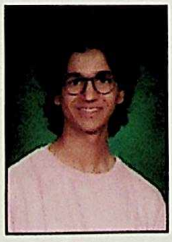

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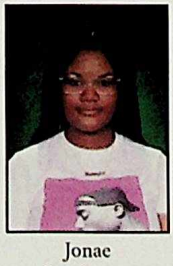

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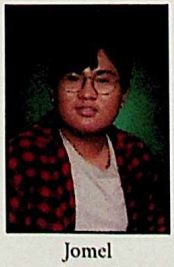

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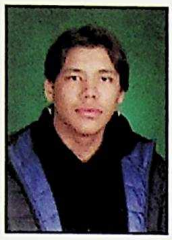
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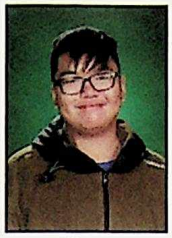
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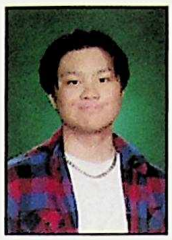
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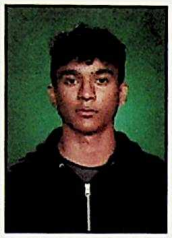
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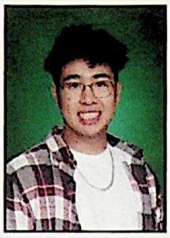
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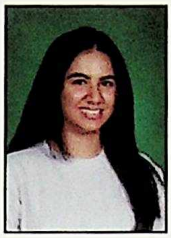
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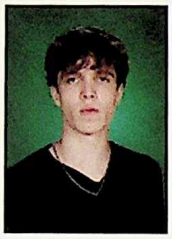
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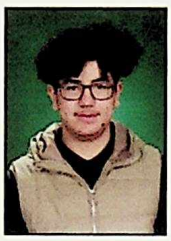
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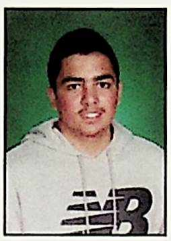
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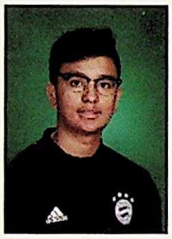
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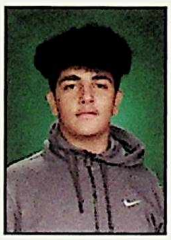
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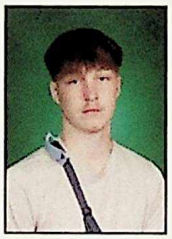
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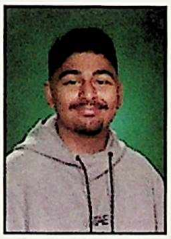
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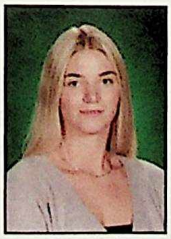
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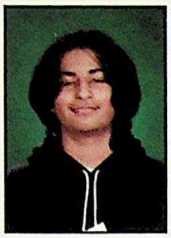

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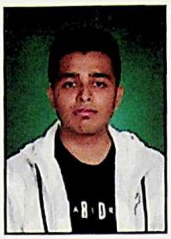

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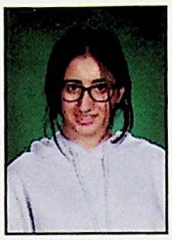

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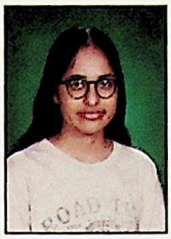

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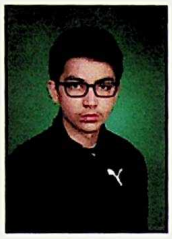

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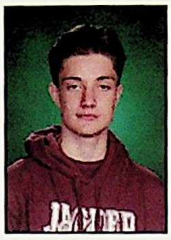

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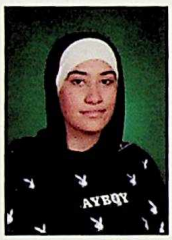

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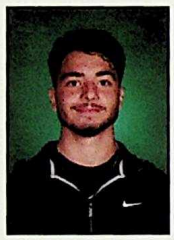

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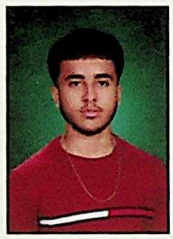

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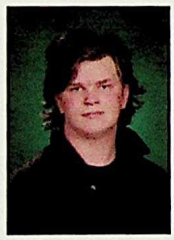

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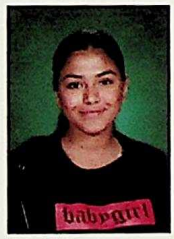

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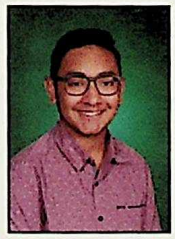

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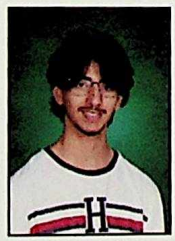

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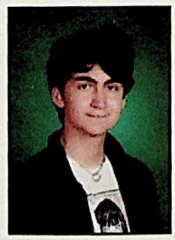

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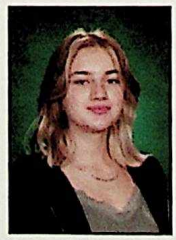

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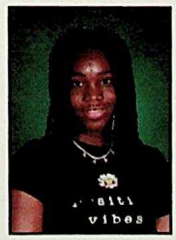

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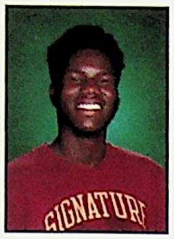
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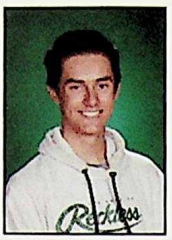
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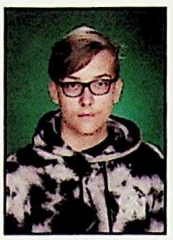
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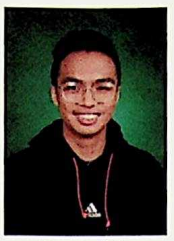
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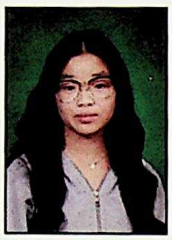
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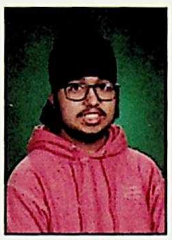
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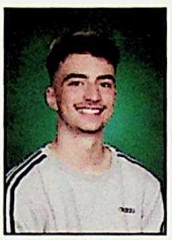
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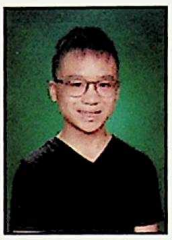
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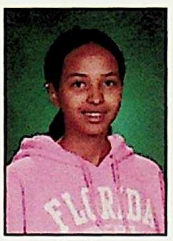
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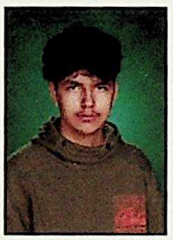
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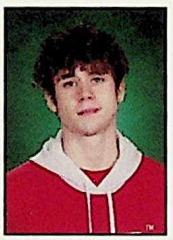
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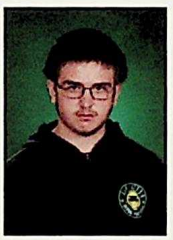
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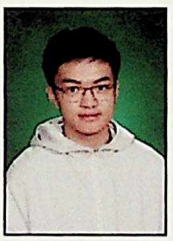
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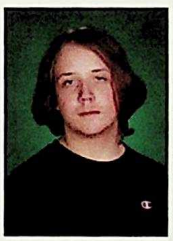
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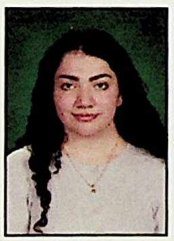
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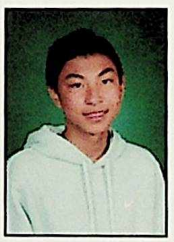
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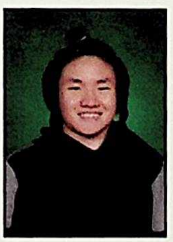
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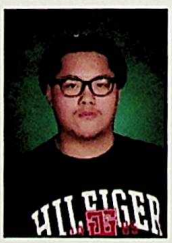

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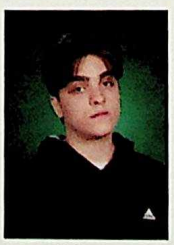
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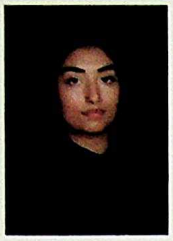

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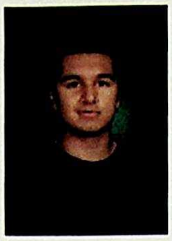

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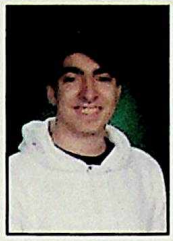

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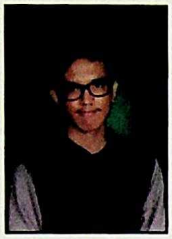

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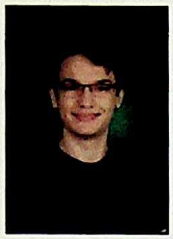

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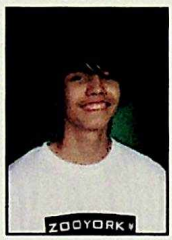

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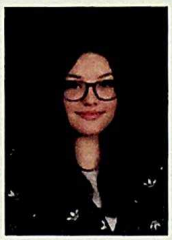

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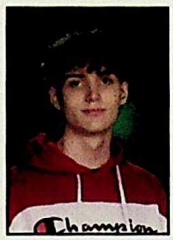

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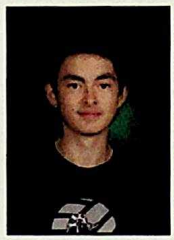

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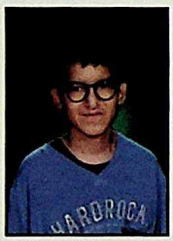

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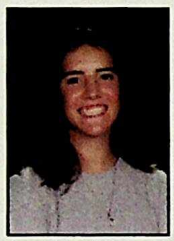

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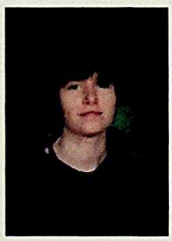

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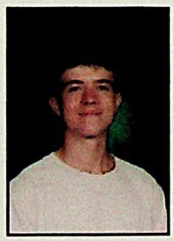

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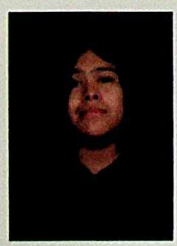

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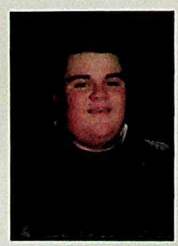

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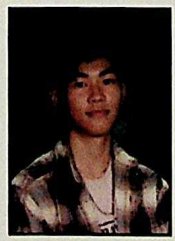

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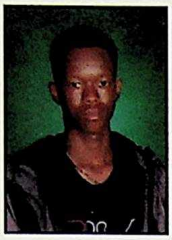

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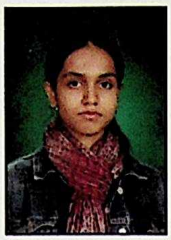

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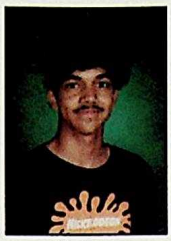

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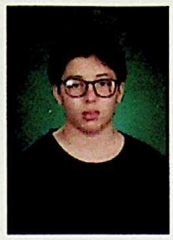

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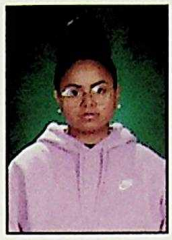

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Shaquille Allen
Tasneem Almohamad
Lawrence Ambrocio
Mohamad Arsali
Amin Askar
Abbas Barakat
Arjohn Baylon
Sabrina Bertrand
Kenyon Cardinal
Manjot Chahal
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Liam Dixon
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Omar El Hajj
Saleem Elchehimi
Tarik Elfesteki
Damon Ellis
Mohamed Farah Adawe
Suzana Feday
Ryan Fiddler
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Karanvir Grewal
Jessica-Yien Ha
Issack Habte
Abdi Hassan
Najah Hassan
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Alyssa Jeffs
Navin Joe
Gracie Laboucan
Lataea Lachance
Bailey Lagrelle
Azal Latif
Tricia Mae Marcelo
Lorelei Milsom
Zahra Mohamed
Zeeshan Mustafa
Reem Oklah
Manveer Panesar
Dustin Paskimin
Laiqa Patel
Arthika Pillay
Hannah Powder
Stiven Quintero
Thomas Rajab
Mayra Rivera Alvarado
Ava Rowan
Keeran Russell
Adalia Sanchez
Christian Santiago
Tanika Selleck
Adriel Severight
Manhal Sheikh Asaad
Sirenna Smith
Syd Sokulski
Drayden Stanley-Lisk
Glyka Yab Taala
Nohom Tesfagergish
Yohami Torres
Mahmoud Trad
Nhat Nam Tran
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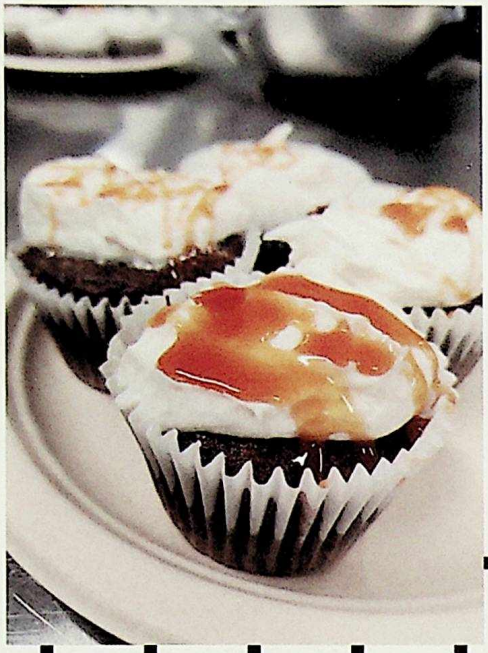

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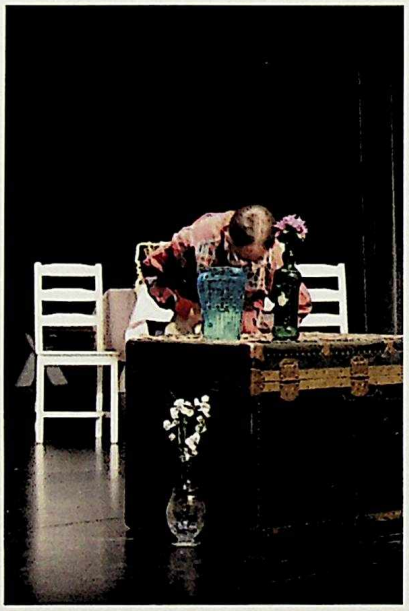
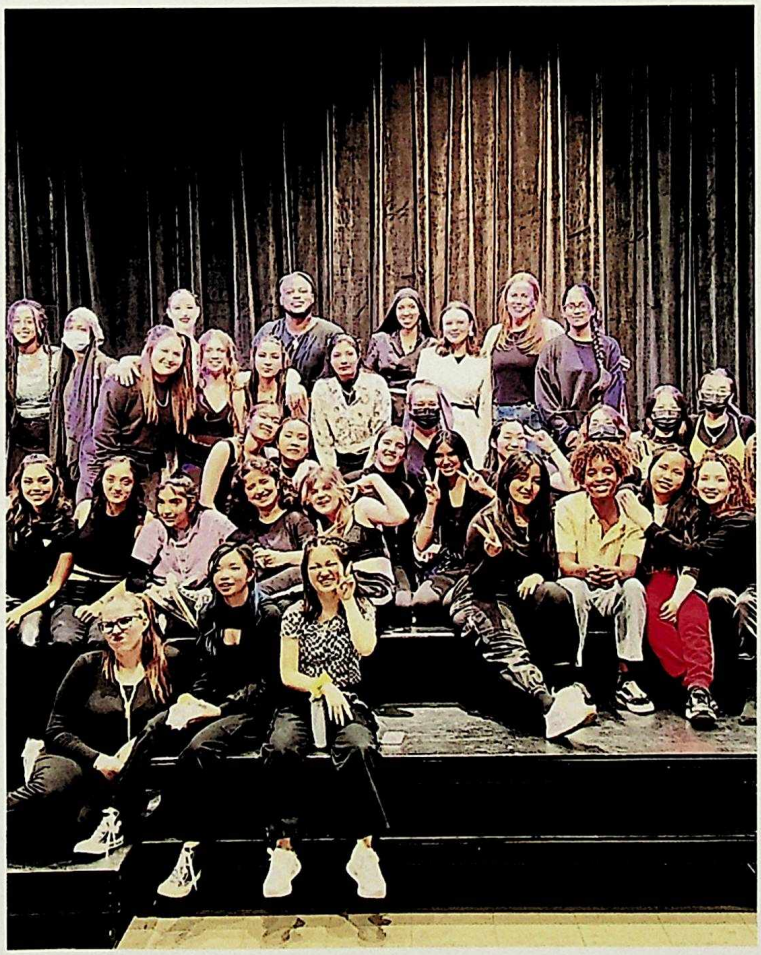


DANCE

dance, the movement of the body in a rhythmic way, usually to music and within a given space, for the purpose of expressing an idea or emotion, releasing energy, or simply taking delight in the movement itself.



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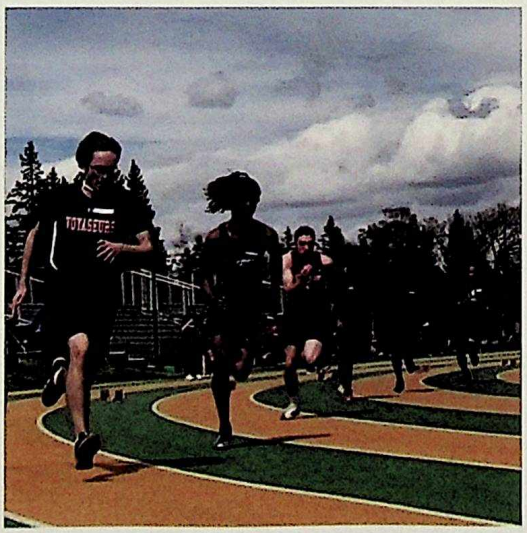
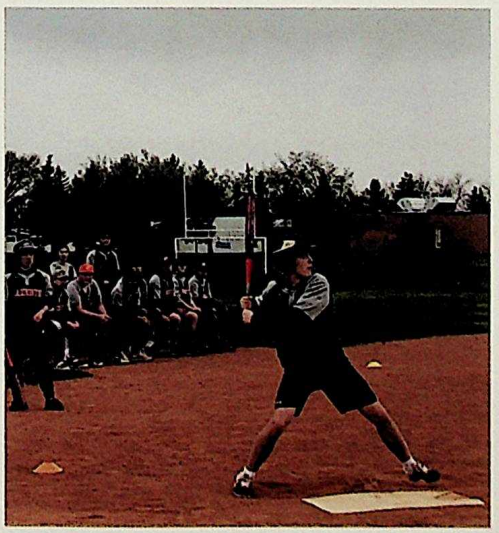
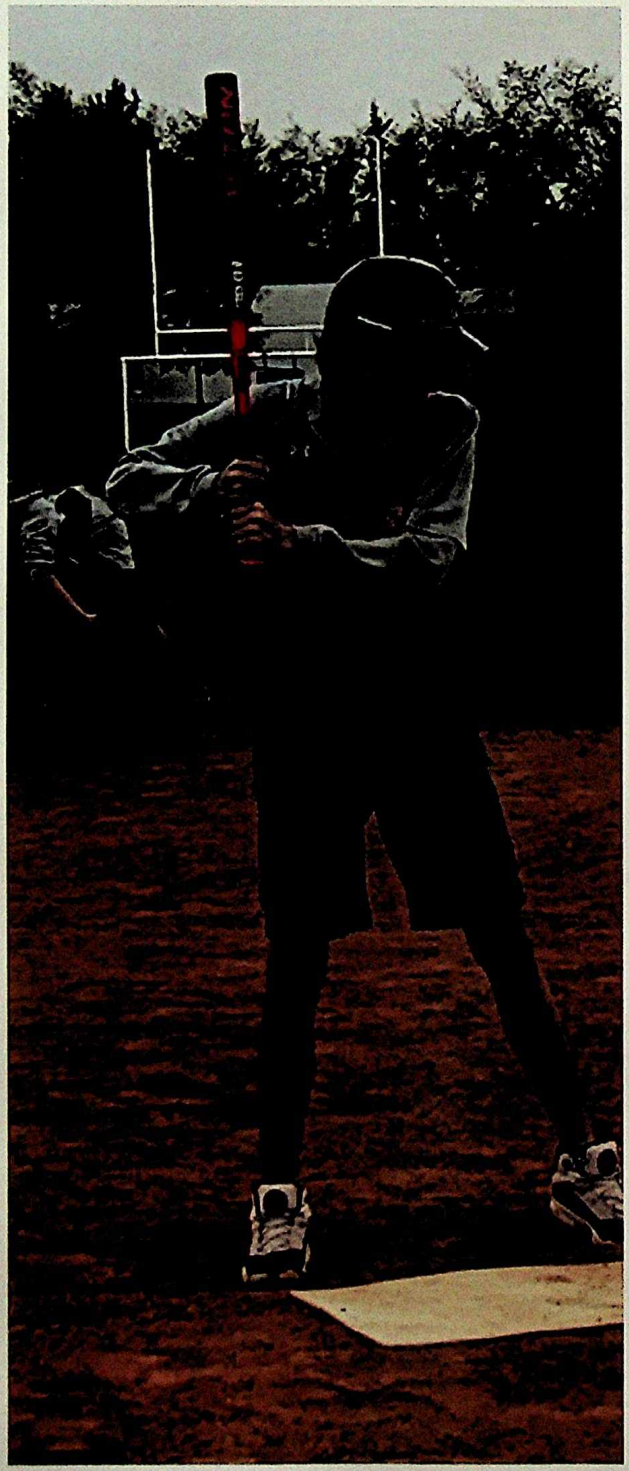
"If you put your mind to it,

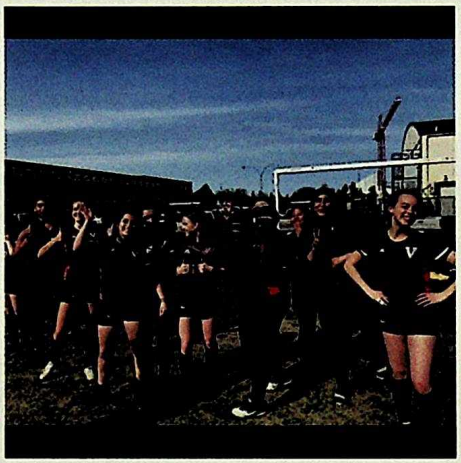
you can ACCOMPLISH anything."

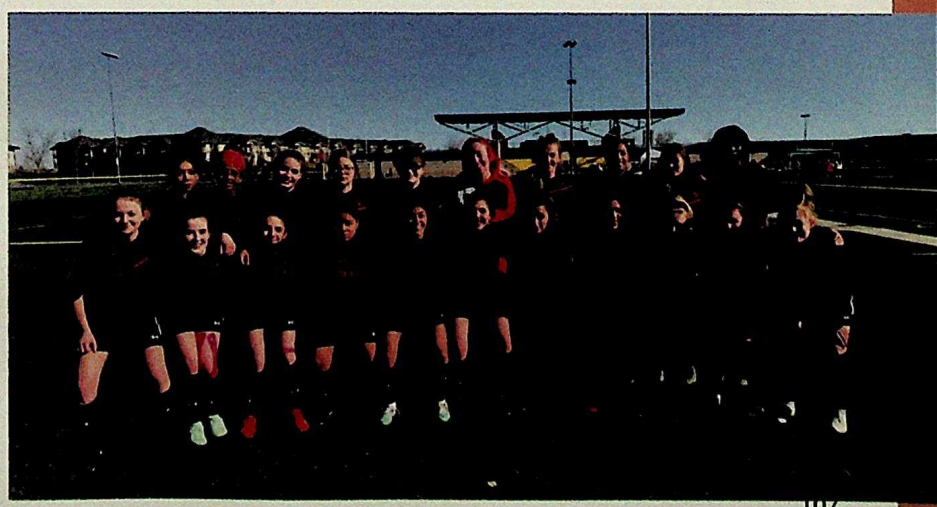
SPRING SPORTS











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Haylee Adams
Dibora Akeza
Erin Antoniuk
Dayla Armstrong
Ons Ben Hariz
Ariana Boon
Tianna Brown
Emma Cardinal
Helena Chokpelleh
Payton Cooper
Daniela Coropcearu
Chelsea Cummings
Emily Duong
Lamara Frazer
Kiera Gour
Isabella Gutierrez
Chandra Johnston
Salma Khan
Abibah Kromah
Masanjay Kromah
Hailey Lahey
Amy Lam
Honeylyn Magdadaro
Aubrey Maynes
Trinity Melton-Chau
Emma Miniaci
Cassandra Moffit
Carla Mouhanna
Akina Ng
Kristin Nganika
Kathy Pham
Rose Pilcan
Vanessa Poirier
Rhianna Queeley
Giselle Saleh
Kinda Shtay
Abigail Shuman
Alizah Sonnenberg
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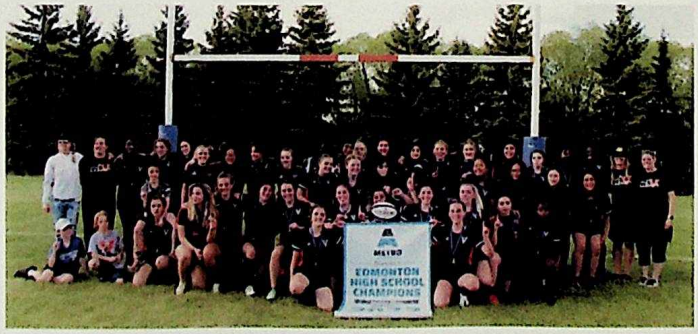
Nadine Wilkinson

Coaches:
Ms Burton
Ms Plewes
Mrs Parrish



The MEL Womens rugby team moved up to Division 2 this year and won gold! We had huge numbers and enthusiasm and incredible athletes coming out for the team. The girls put in the work early on having morning practices from mid February and going to a full day training camp at the UofA dome with Varsity coaches pre-season, and they started ready to play. We won our first exhibition game against Salisbury and went on to a 4-1 record in league play, scoring 310 points and only having 98 against us over the season. The girls showed grit and determination to defeat Sturgeon 36-19 in a back and forth battle in the final. We expect great things in the rugby futures for these ladies as many plan to play club, 11 attending Edmonton Gold tryouts and Akina Ng being selected to the long list for the Canada Summer Games U18 Alberta Rugby 7s team.

RUGBY

Awed Adam
Ahmad Al Oklah
Noah Ayed
Anthony Berard
Rippon Clare
Brody Dalton
Reid Dennet
Quincy Gero-Havens
Ethan Kierstead
Turner Koch
Tej (Tejashveer) Lobin
Cristofer Lopez Ramirez
Emmanuel Luza Hernandez
Brian Ma
Angel Menjivar Hunter
Mallike Morgan
Cody Nieuwhof
Oskar Opatowski
Ram Panesar
Zachary Samuels
Ethan Schultz
Kaleb Shank Lansall
Jayde Shaw
Bassam Shuaib
Raheim Stephens
Marschal Weaver
Tony Willier-Bull
Cody Yerichuk
Kaylen Yeung

Head Coach: Travis Griffin, Sean Newcombe, Dave Pratley, Brian Hess, Rob McWeeny

After the world took a hiatus from sports and other group activities due to COVID 19, students came together to form a team once again. Only a few of our players had thrown a rugby ball before, and some of them had never delivered a hit; or had been hit. Throughout the season, these students turned into rugby players: soaking in the knowledge of the game and grinding it out on the field. Every game that was played tested their absolute limits, which they played with grit and determination. The students who are graduating this year set the bar for the junior players, through leading by example, on and off the field. The juniors who played this year developed fantastic skills, and will be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come.

Just play.
Have fun.
Enjoy the game.

SOCCER

Cassandra Moffitt
Samantha Moffit
Camila Candido
Zaarah Haniff
Kylie Marinov
Payton Cooper
Dayla Armstrong

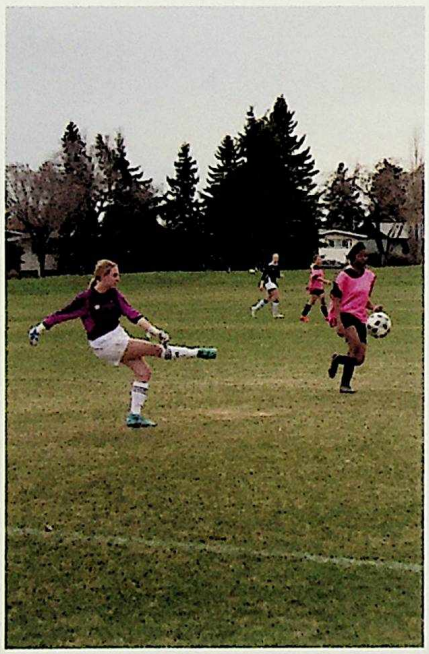
Aliyah Salloum
Sydney Norman
Heather Ruelling
Makayla Kitchen
Janna Charkie
Skurta Imeri
Carla Mouhanna

Amelie Olsen Debernardi
Erika Redekopp
Bria Nichol
Sarai Zelaya
Avionne Marsh
Quraish Muhidin
Jada Davits

Coaches: Frank Candido, Katie Spaidal, Courtney Wald

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

Senior Girls



This year the Sr Womens Soccer team began the season with great game play and growth at the Panda Cup. It was so exciting to be back on the field playing the game we all love! This year the girls were challenged with moving up to the top division, and though the results didn't go as we wanted, the team showed incredible resilience, effort and camaraderie. Every game the girls stepped up for each other time and time again, and we hope to build on this never quit mentality going into next season!

SOCCER

Dryden Ferchoff
Tyler Bowen
Abdiqudus Ali
Ahmed Adawe
Alud Woldoyhannes
Chade Marsh
Chase Koeck
Chris Majaliwa
Diamond Burns
Elias Aguilar
Kale Buchanan
Kenny Jafer Abdi
Kingsford Obeng Yeboa
Milan Turk
Medyan Alameddine
Mohamed Adawe
Mohamed El Hifnawy
Sebastian Koeck
Vetjituavi Zaamuani
Yahya Mohamed

Head Coach: Rich Smith

Senior Boys

The Voyageurs Senior Boys Soccer Team has a spirited effort in the regular season. Making playoffs, the boys battled hard but came up just short of going to the Quarter Finals. Wishing all of the Senior Boys Soccer Players - especially the grade 12s who played their final season - the best of luck in the future. Enjoy a well deserved summer!

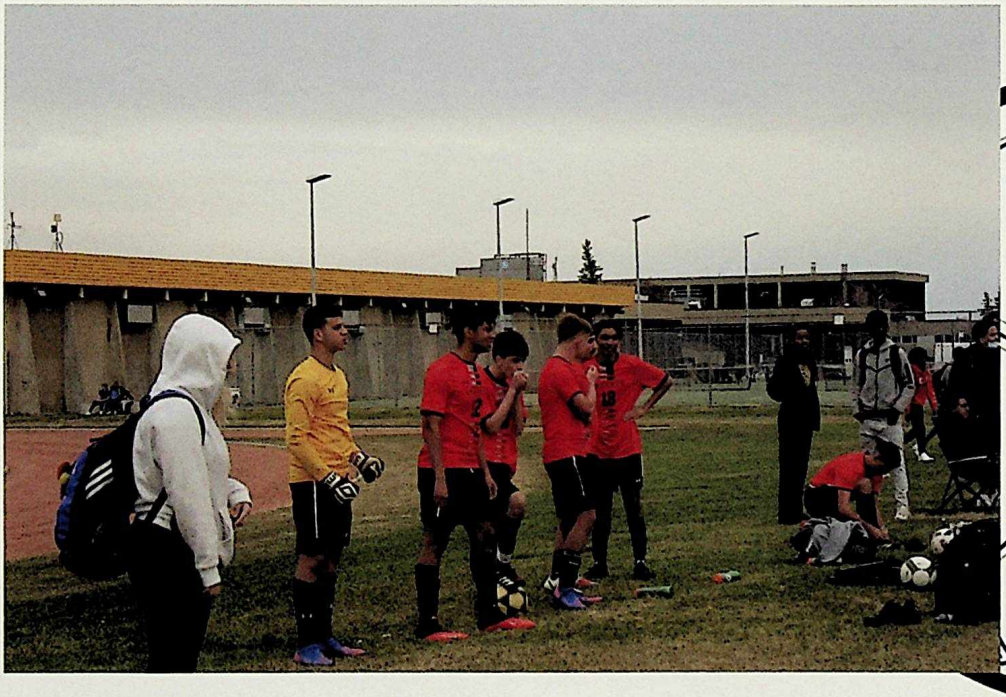
"What keeps me going is goals."

SOCCER

The junior boys soccer team was an outstanding group in both ability and attitude. The season brought its ups and down but through it all they stuck together and grew as a group. Late season success saw a playoff run including an upset in extra-time, a moment that will stand out when reflecting on the season.

GK	David Sementchev	11	Ibrahim Ferej Mohamed	Head Coaches:
GK	Yousef Shtat	12	Keiron Street	
2	Sahil Aulakh	13	Isaiah Hallett	Mr. Houghton
3	Nikki Kopergynsky	14	Ali Dghaich	Ms. Elder
5	Adam Kamal	15	Gavin Blake	Mr. Darod
6	Hakan Gulluk	17	Siavosh Gulmirza	
7	Anmol Otal	18	Salman Abbas	
8	Nickolas Tang	19	Mohamad El-Bekai	
9	Ashton Cooper	20	Halet Halet	
10	Mohamad Anibtawi	21	Zakariya Musa	

Junior Boys



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Alexandria Burton
Duree-Aden Baber
Evan Benson
Ivana Au Yang
Kalina Delnesa
Keira Sa'vard
Olexa Ramnarine
Quraish Muhidin
Ravneet Sehra
Saniya Rai

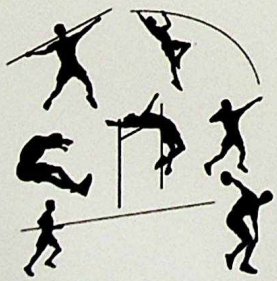
Alex Ly
Daniel Rutten
Daniel Troung
Devon Wiebe
Dwight Legister
Jason Huynh
Jayden Ngo
Keiron Street
Logan Keirnan
Louis Nguyen
Matt Liwan

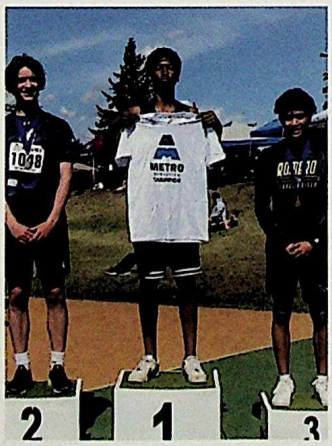
Nathan Yu
Thanh Tran
Tristan Harik
Akina Ng
Hannah Hyatt
Jana Dahl
Natalie Ta
Shalom Gbibel
Yivana Au Yang
Aiden Deonie
Ali Ahmed

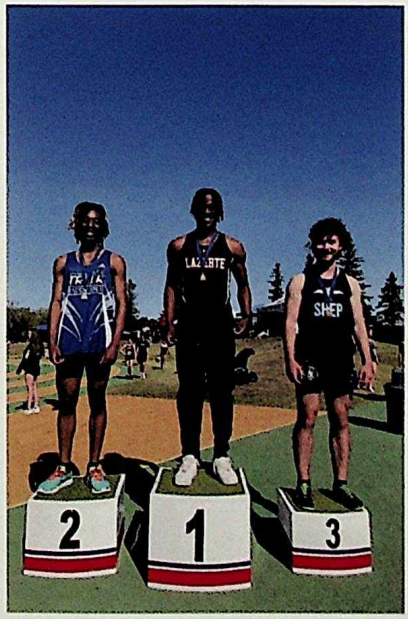
Andy Yu
David Osa-Okpa
Duncan Gaunt
Dylan Carruthers
Hayden Robertson
Jayden Lam
Jeevan Panesar
Kevin Dang
Nathan Poon
Cathy Lam
Renese Ebanks

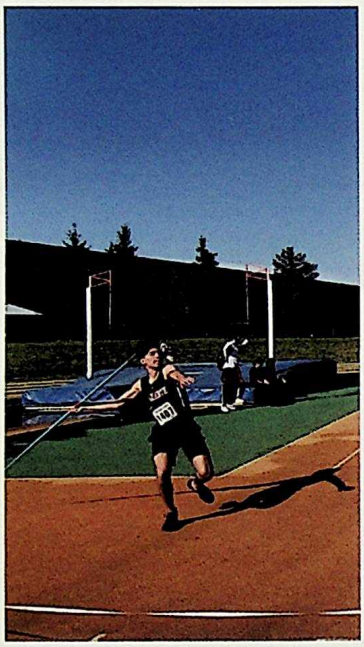
Brandon Han
Daniel Kidd
Dryden Ferchoff
Harmanjot Sehra
Jayden Bouphasiri
Mathew Huang
Nicolas Ferguson
Keontea Jackson

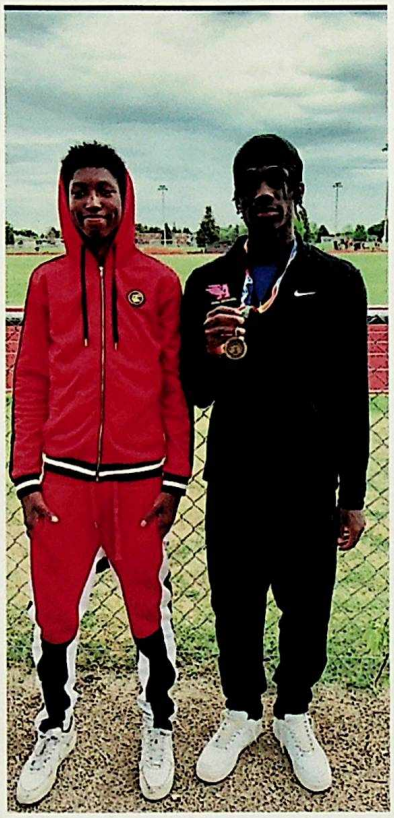
Coaches: Renee Brown, Matt Sommerville, Jesse Bacque, Roxy Solmonson











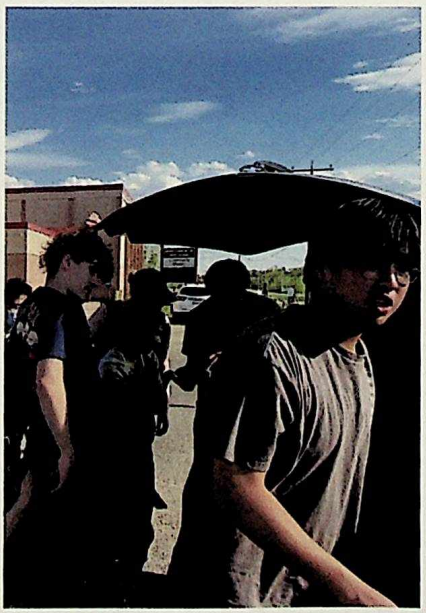
The 2022 Track Team was one for the books this was the largest team LaZerte had in years, and it was the most successful team in years. We had 77 athletes attend the Mini Meet and Divisionals, 13 athletes advanced to Cities, and 2 athletes represented LaZerte at Provincials in Medicine Hat. Keontea Jackson won a gold medal in the metro junior high jump division and finished 4th at proincials. Daniel Kidd won a gold medal in the 100m and 200m at the metro and ASAA Provincial championships. Daniel Kidd broke the 200m metro record with a time of 20.92 seconds and also broke a 20 year old ASAA Provincial record (by almost a second) with a time of 20.87. Congratulations to all the Track & Field athletes for such a successful season!

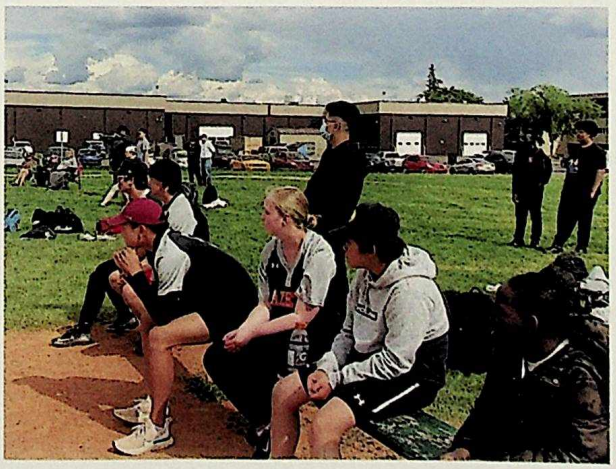
SLO PITCH

Dryden Ferchoff
Brandon Han
Ryan Phan
Kade Plain
Cooper Polowek
Nathan Poon
Jack Roem
Ryan Serediak
Jaece Snell
William Vickers
Elena Bazzaglia
Renese Ebanks
Amanda Kalynchuk
Cathy Lam
Tristen Oele
Holly Urbanovitch
Hannah Yu

Manager: Phu Nguyen
Coaches: Kari Ohlhauser
Thom Gillard
Rachelia Pawluk

This was the very first year that Metro introduced the sport of slo pitch as a trial sport. Overall it was a great first year. Your Voyageurs went 3-2 in the regular season and then cruised through the playoffs winning the B championship over Salisbury 12-11. Great job team!





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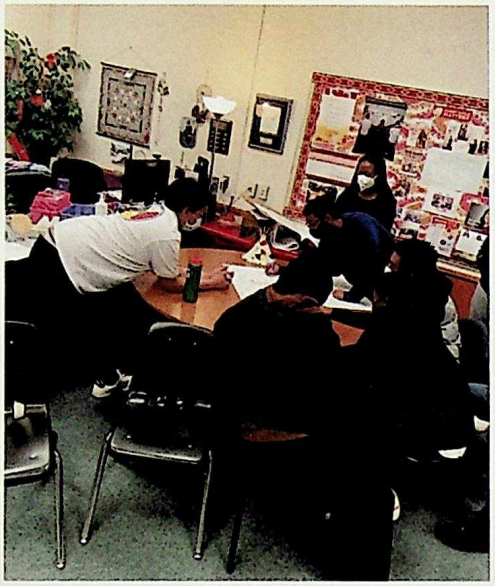

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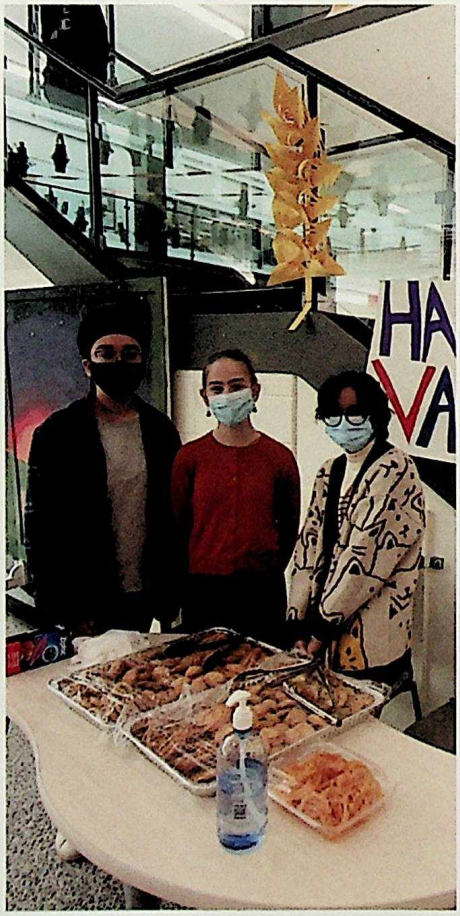

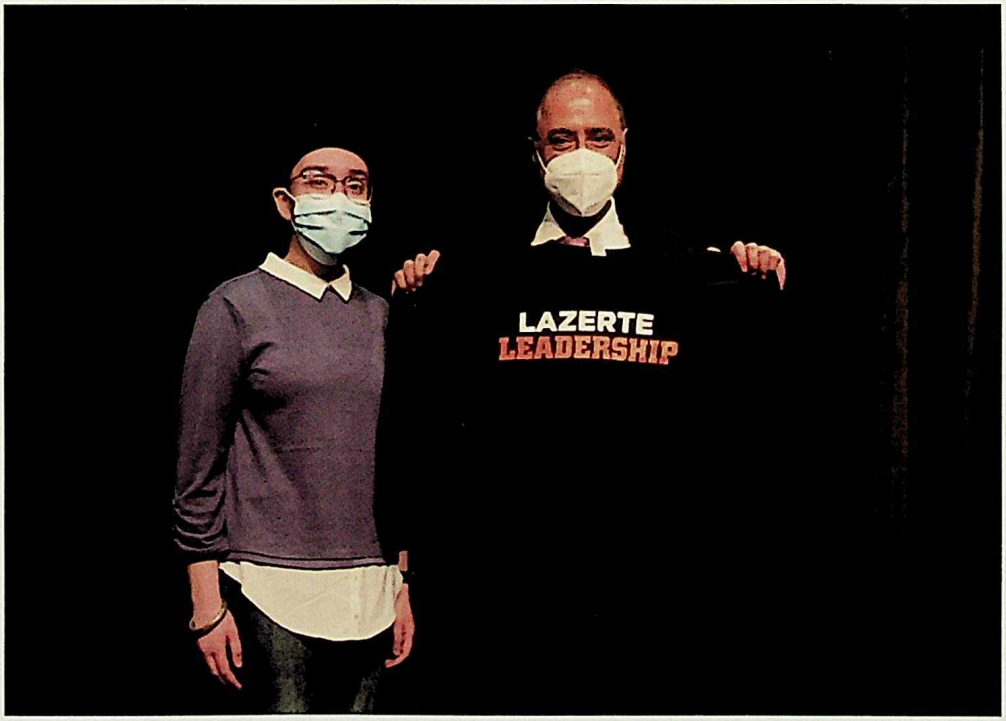
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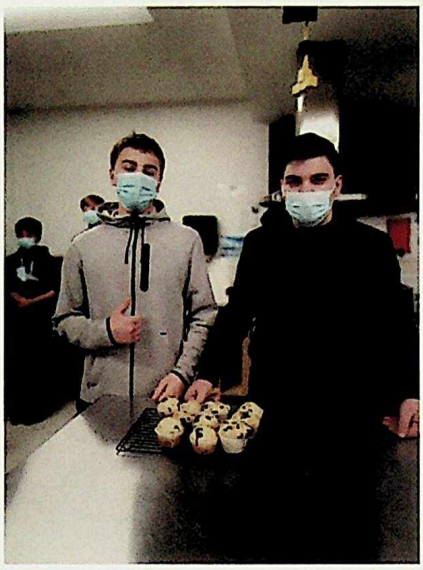

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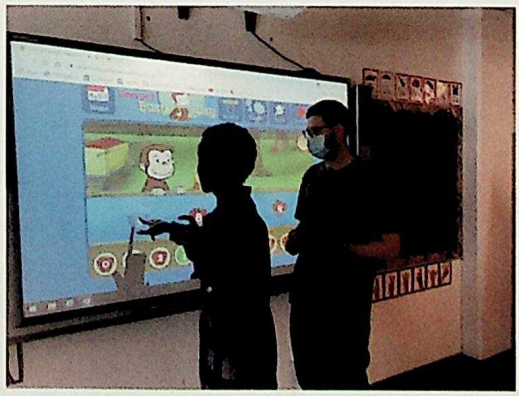

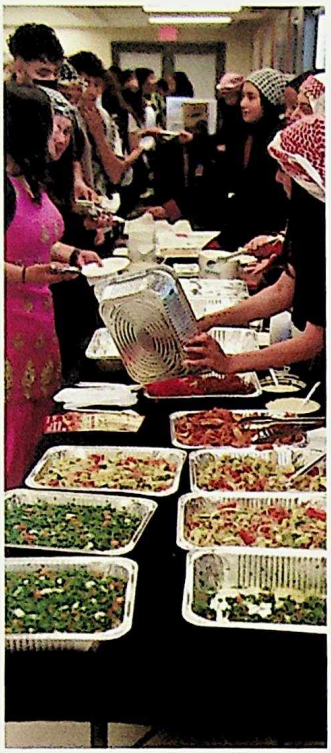

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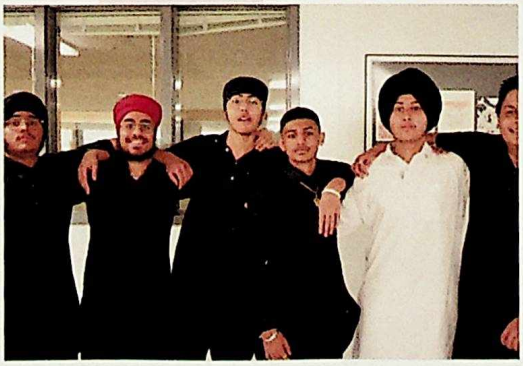

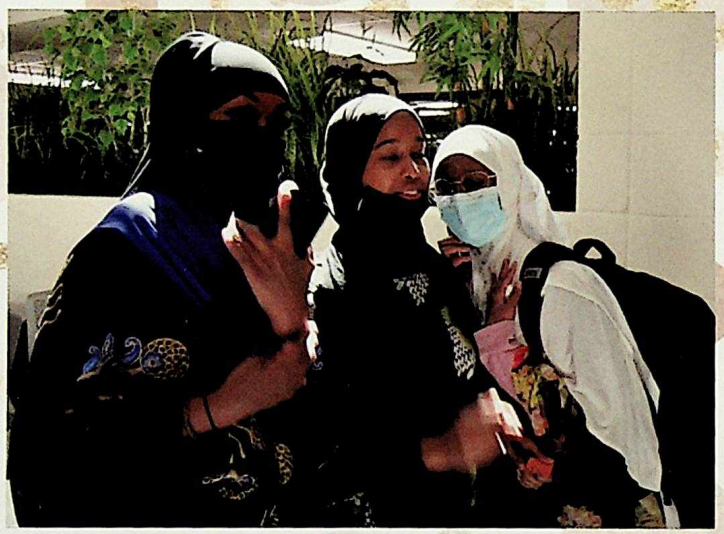

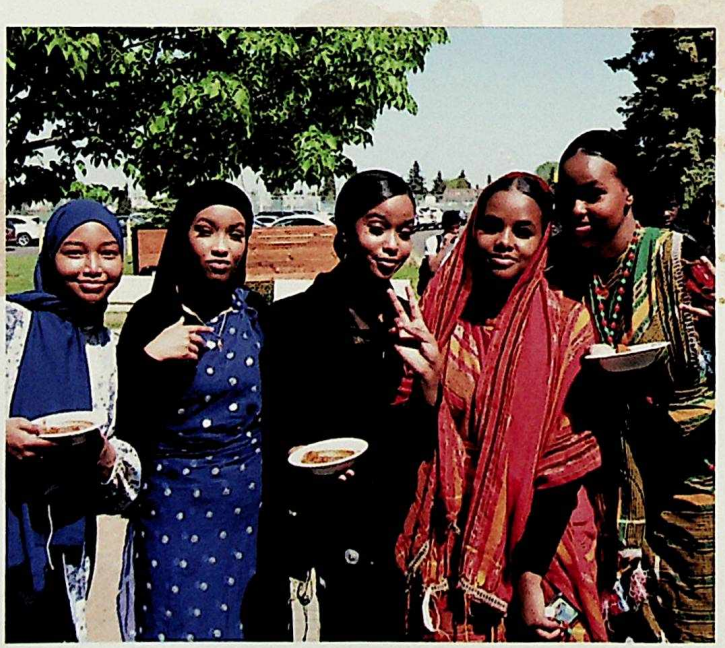

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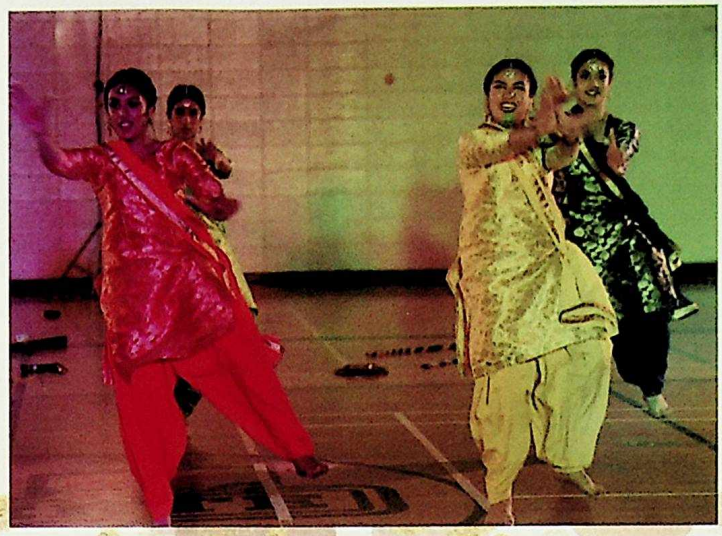

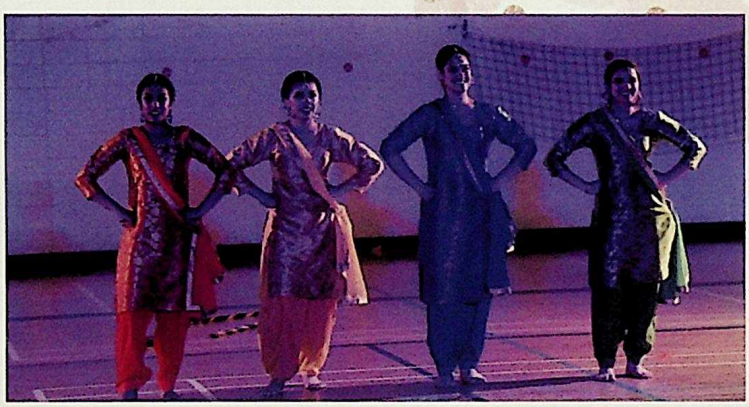

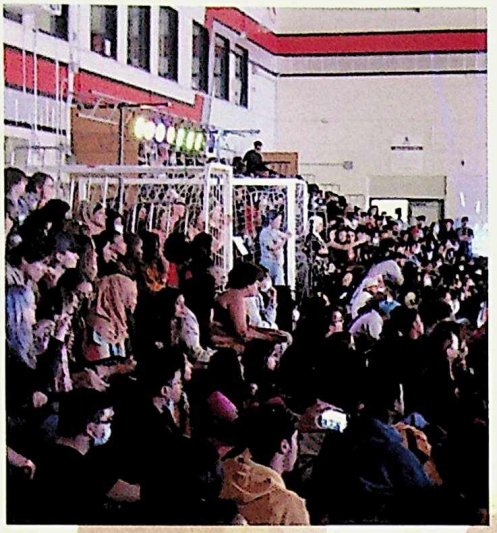

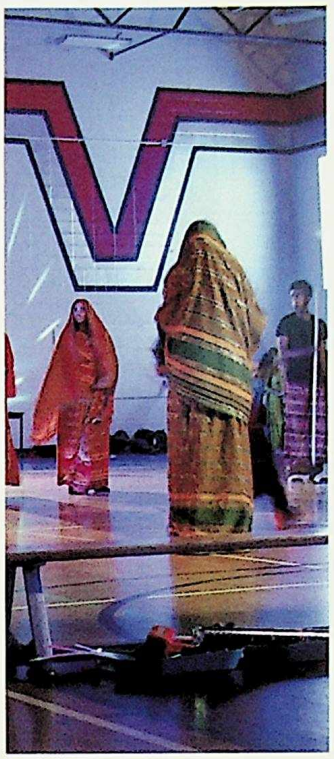

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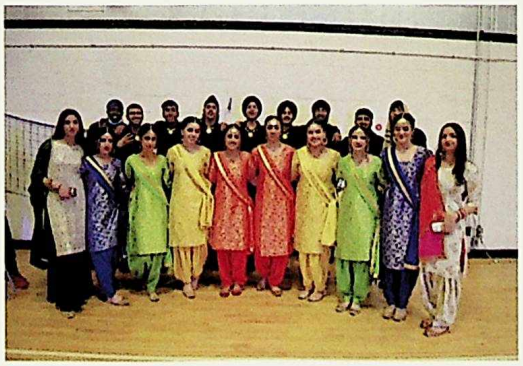

GRADE 12

For those who stood their ground,
Reached another checkpoint towards success,
Confidence and determination unshaken,
Countless essays, tests, and headaches,
Moments of stress and pain,
Overshadowed by happiness and laughter,
A road we walked together,
Hand in Hand,
Everlasting faith in one another,
Now the adults of today,
Show faith in the adults of the future,
For the world is in our hands,
So as we stare at the sunrise in the morning,
And the sunset in the night,
Wondering if we made the right choices,
Reviewing our mistakes and glories,
There's one thing that we can agree on,
We did high school our way.

-Christopher Montalvo

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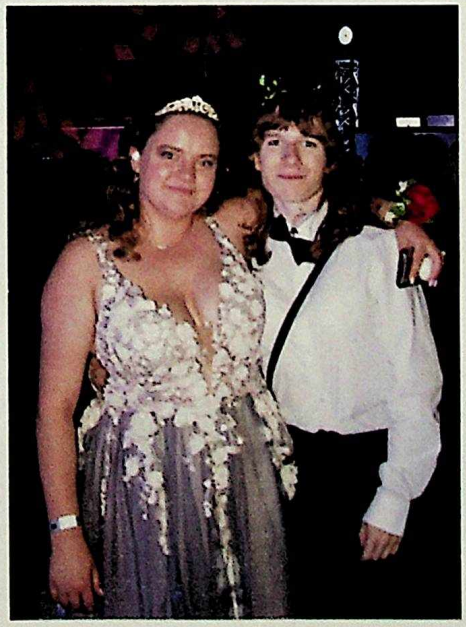

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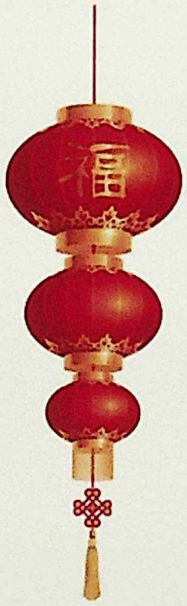

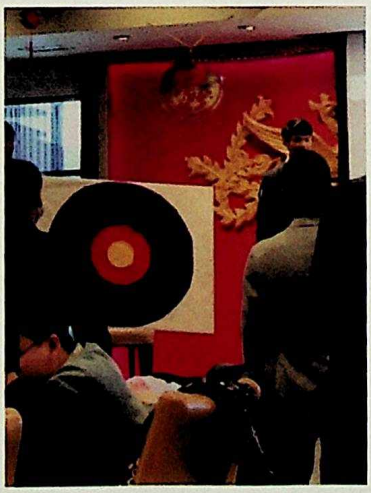

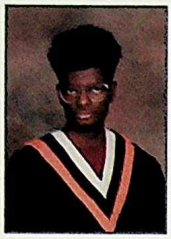

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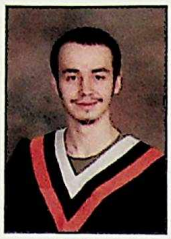

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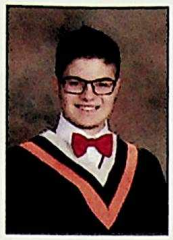

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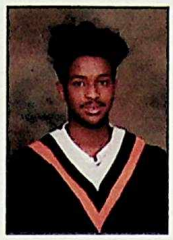

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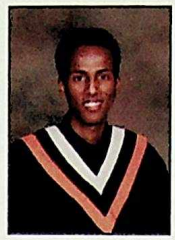

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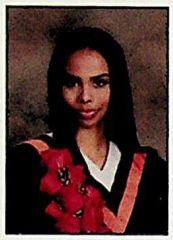

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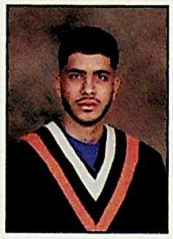

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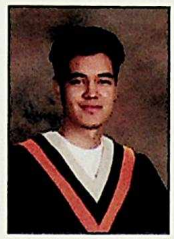

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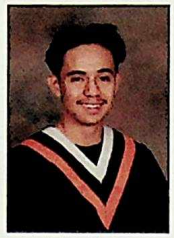

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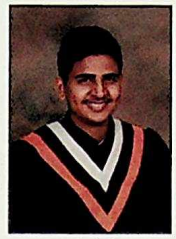

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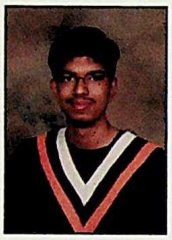

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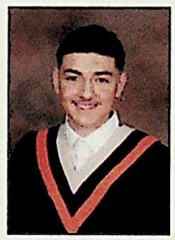

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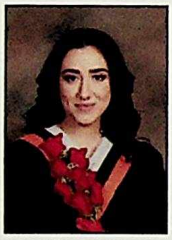

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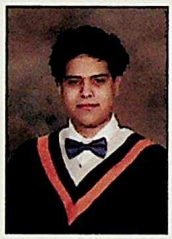

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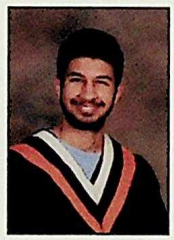

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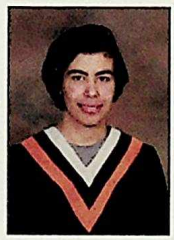

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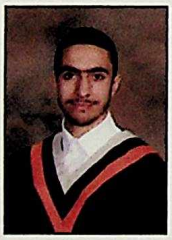

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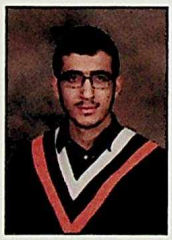

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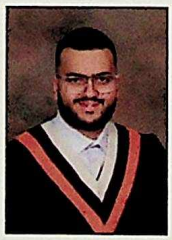

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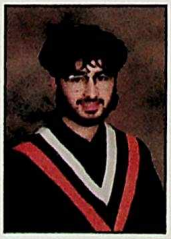

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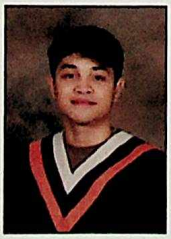

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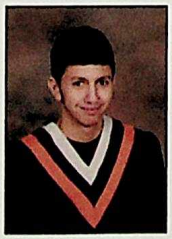

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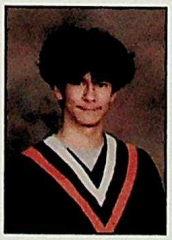

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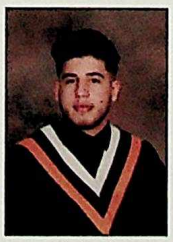

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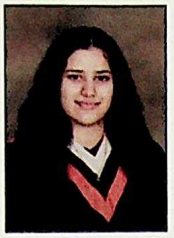
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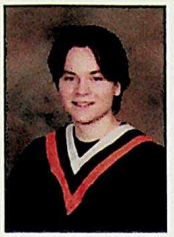
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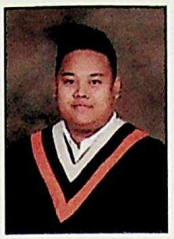
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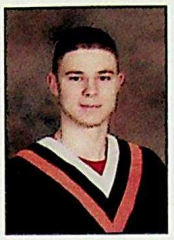
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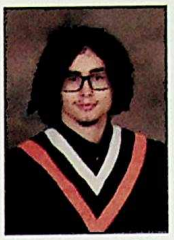
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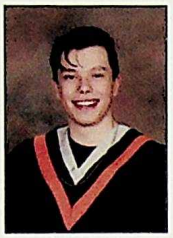
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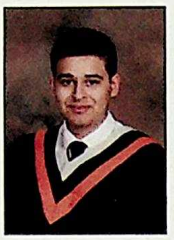
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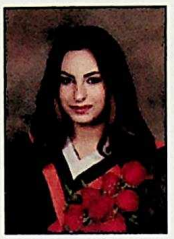
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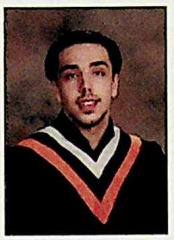
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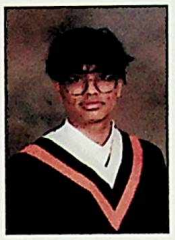
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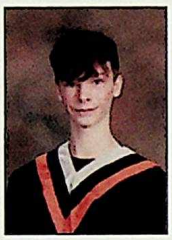
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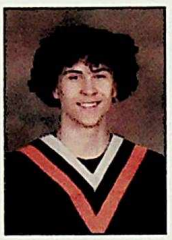
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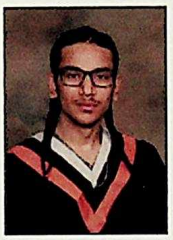
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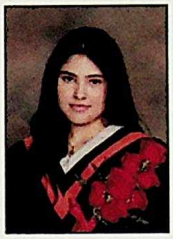
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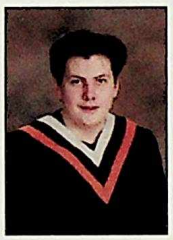
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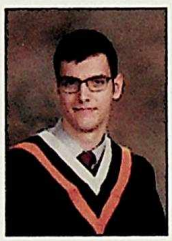
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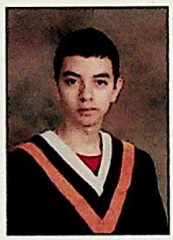
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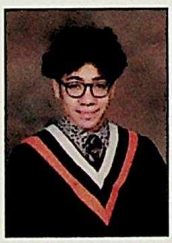
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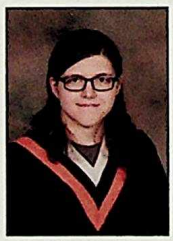
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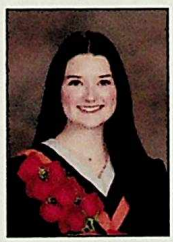
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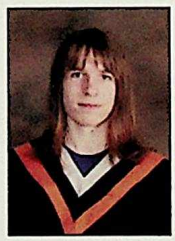
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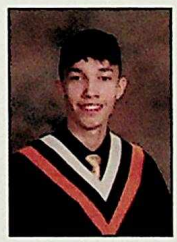
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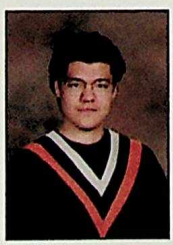
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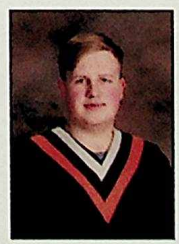
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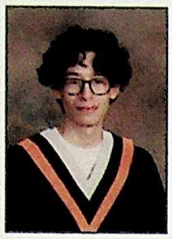
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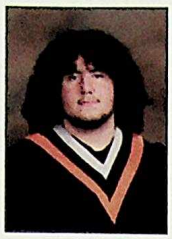
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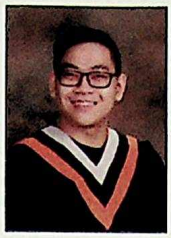
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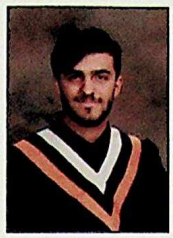
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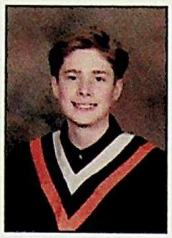
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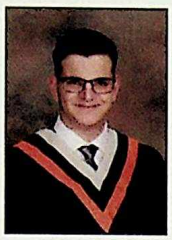
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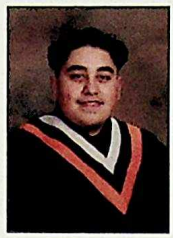
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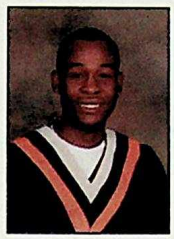
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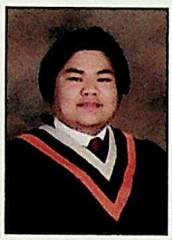
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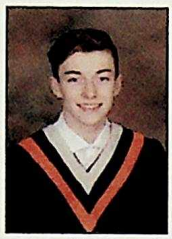
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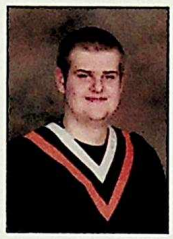
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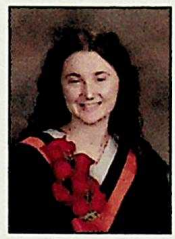
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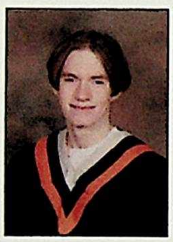
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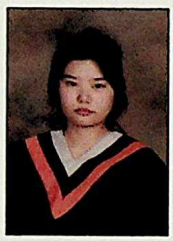
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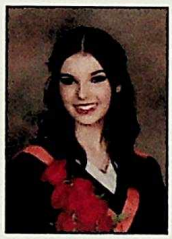
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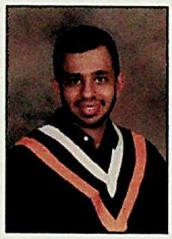
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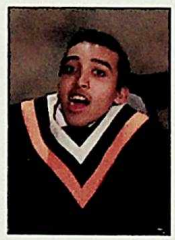
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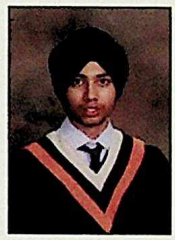
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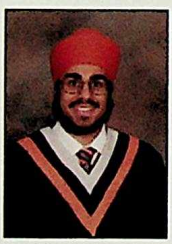
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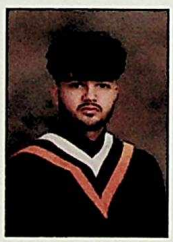
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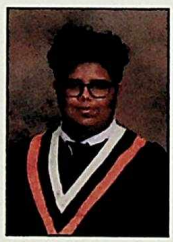
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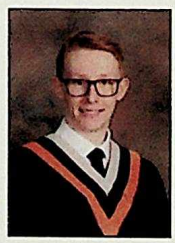
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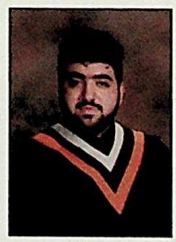
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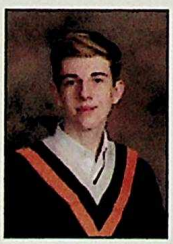
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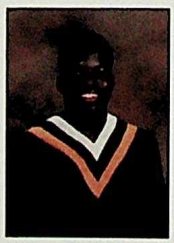
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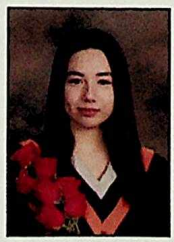
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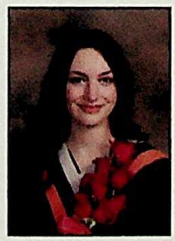
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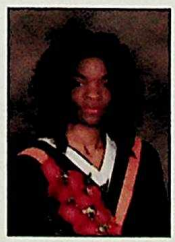
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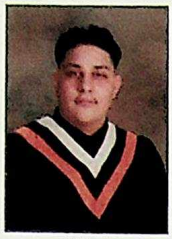

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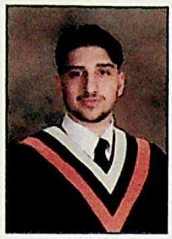

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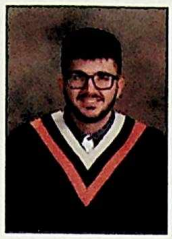

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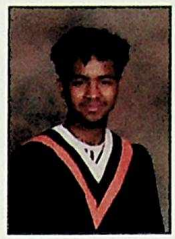

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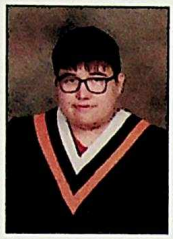

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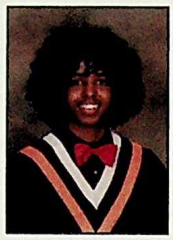

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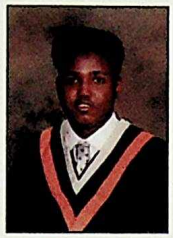

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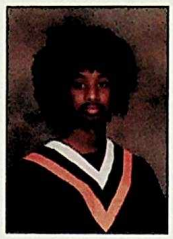

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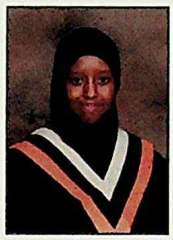

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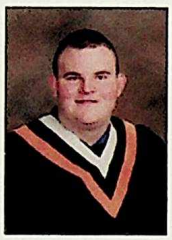

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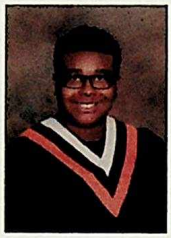

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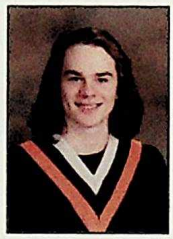

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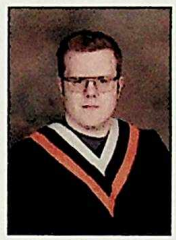

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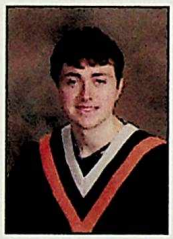

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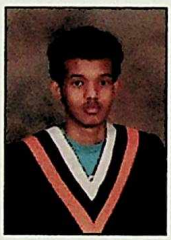

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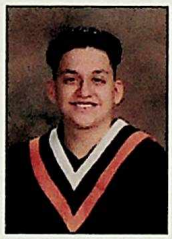

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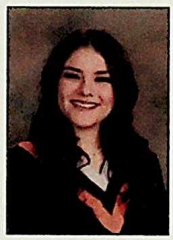

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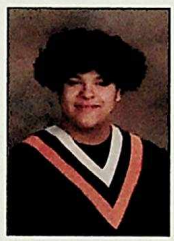

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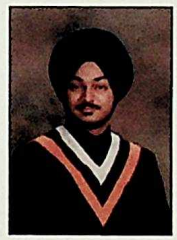

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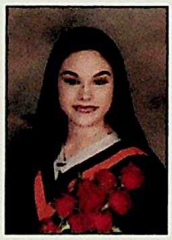

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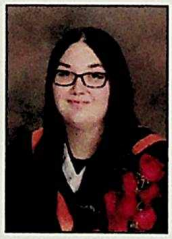

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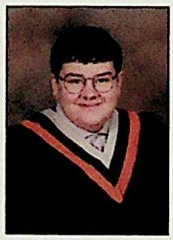

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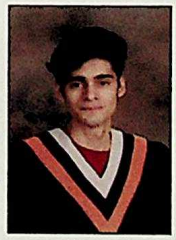

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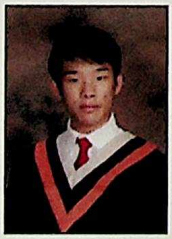

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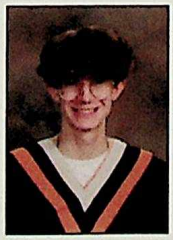

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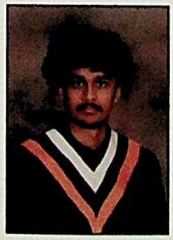

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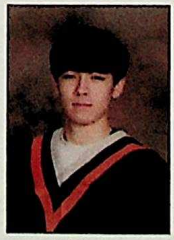

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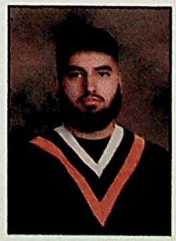

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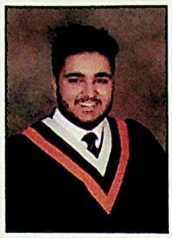
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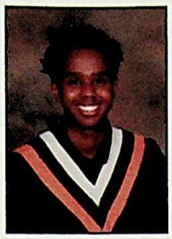
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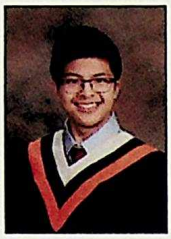
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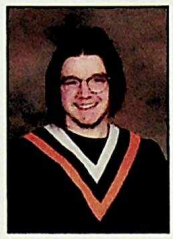
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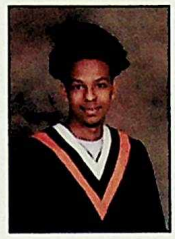
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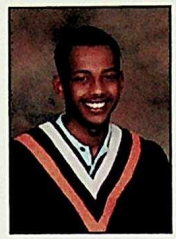
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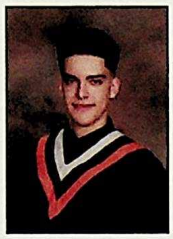
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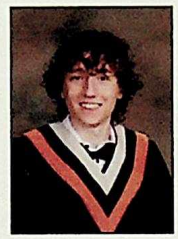
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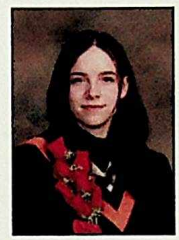
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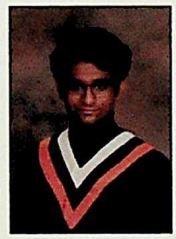
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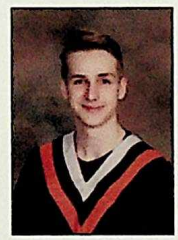
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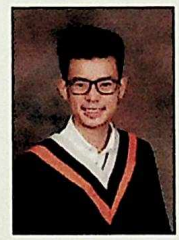
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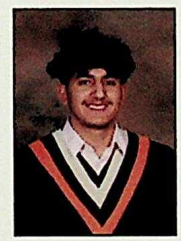
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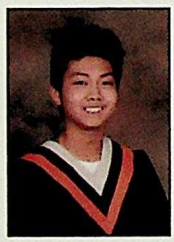
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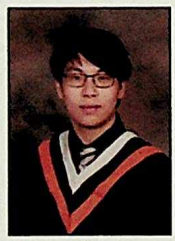
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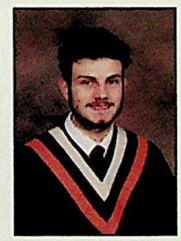
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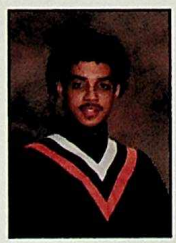
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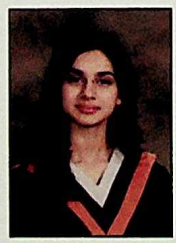
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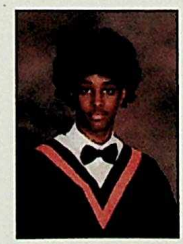
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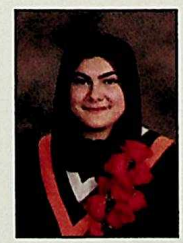
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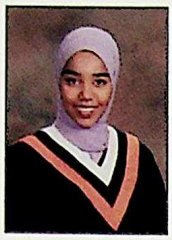
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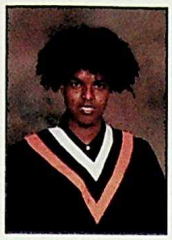
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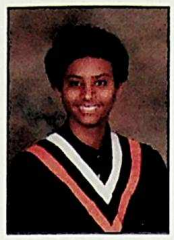
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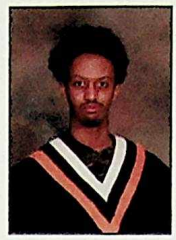
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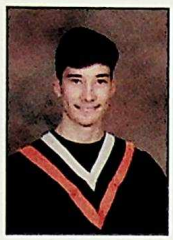
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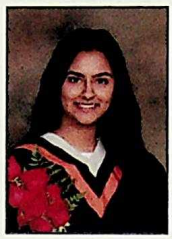
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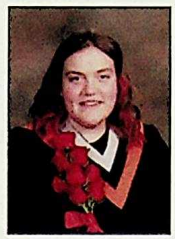
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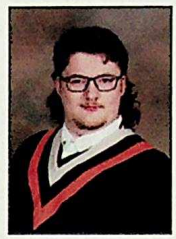
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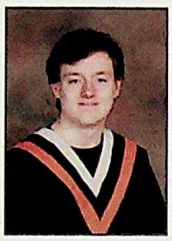
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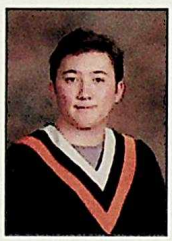
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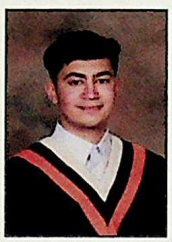
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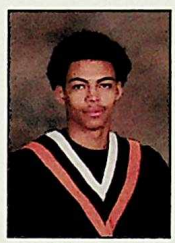
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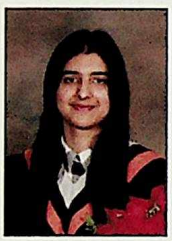
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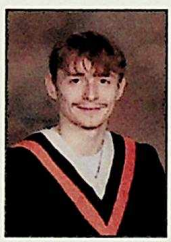
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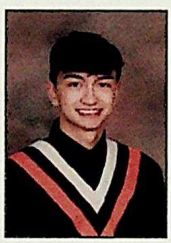
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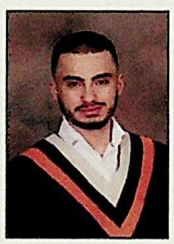
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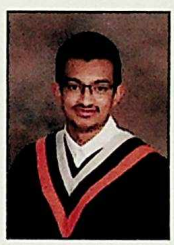
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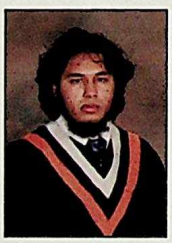
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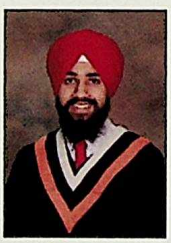
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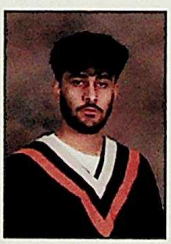
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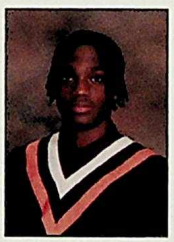
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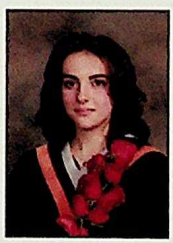
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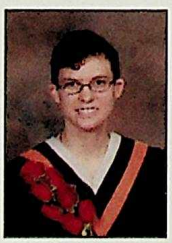
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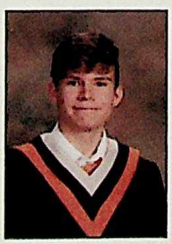
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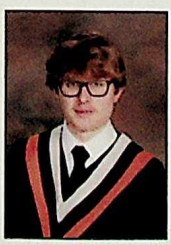
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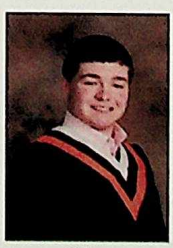
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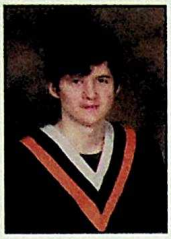

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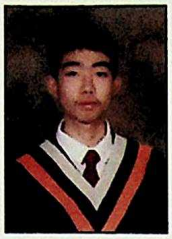

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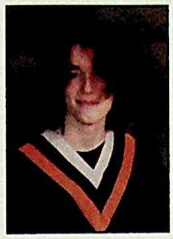

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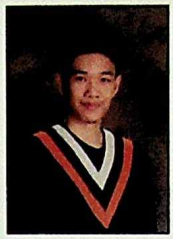

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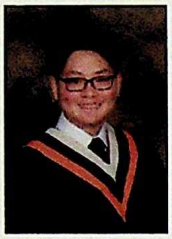

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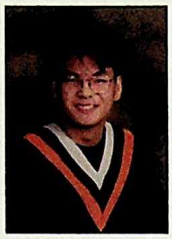

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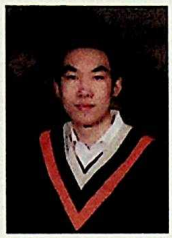

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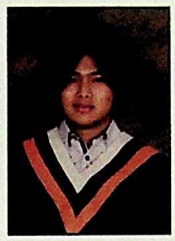

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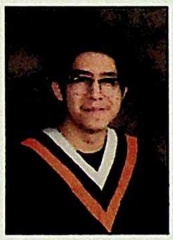

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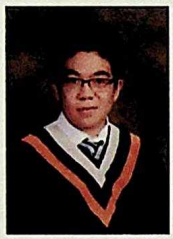

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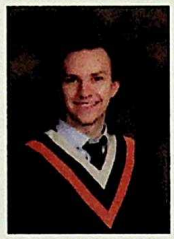

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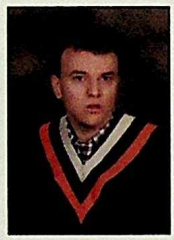

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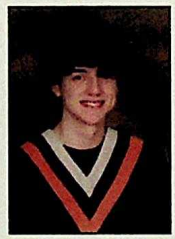

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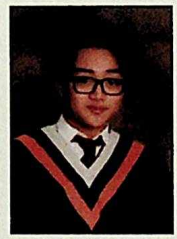

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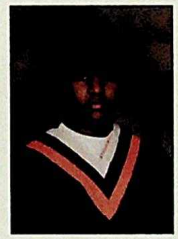

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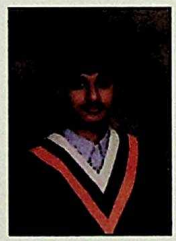

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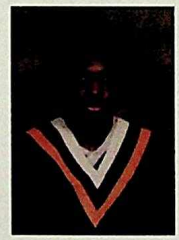

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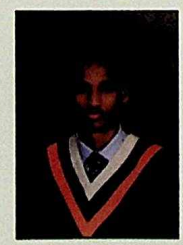

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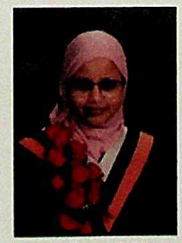

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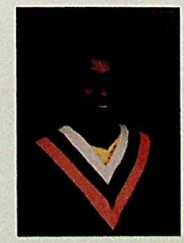

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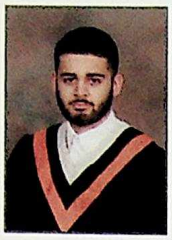
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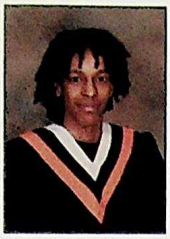
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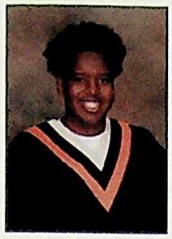
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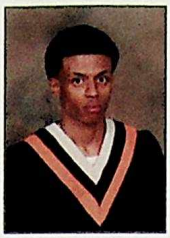
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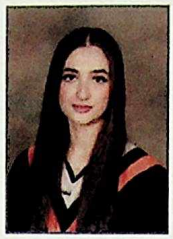
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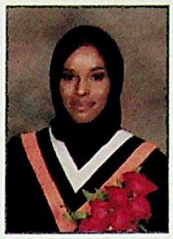
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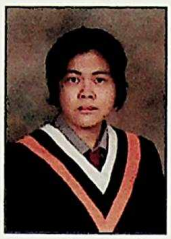
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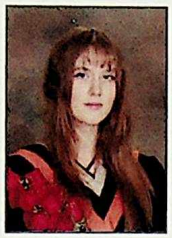
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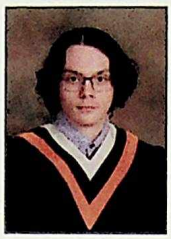
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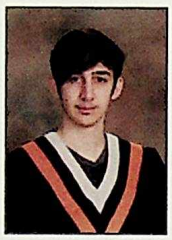
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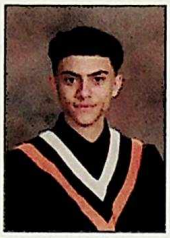
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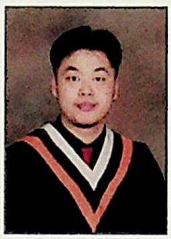
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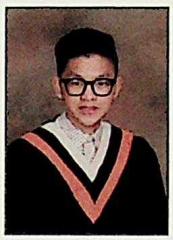
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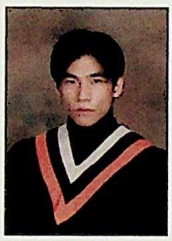
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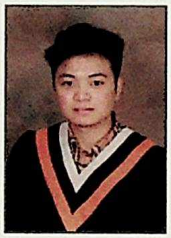
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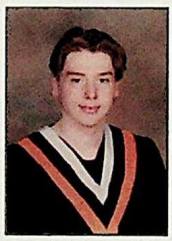
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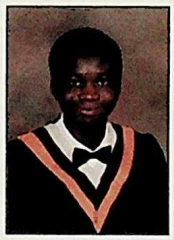
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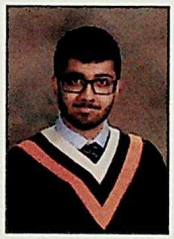
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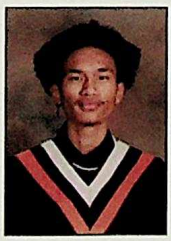
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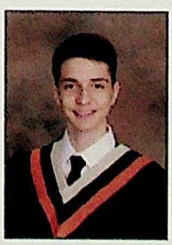
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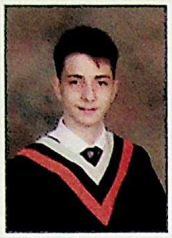

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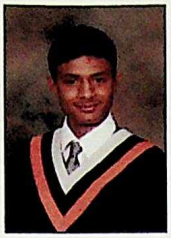

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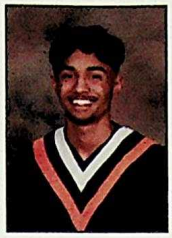

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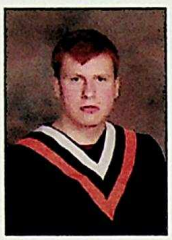

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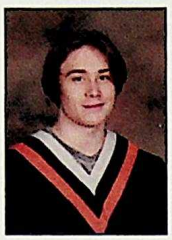

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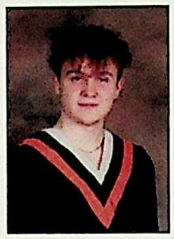

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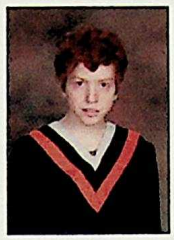

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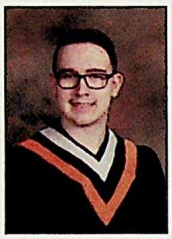

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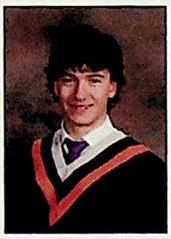

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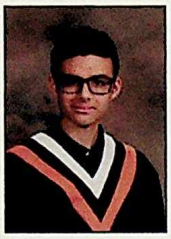

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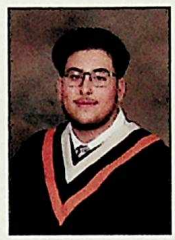

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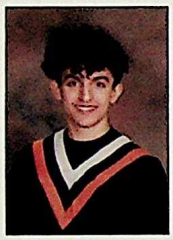

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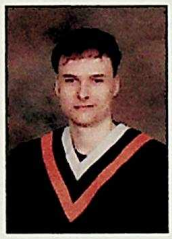

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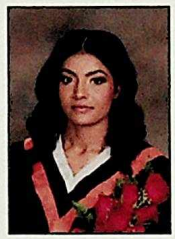

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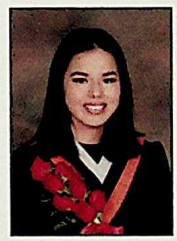

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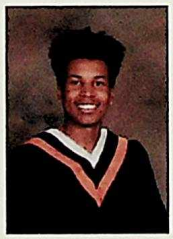

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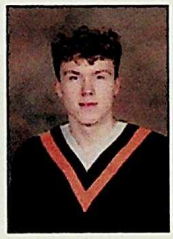

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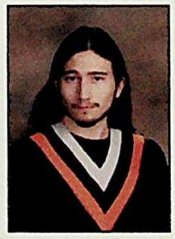

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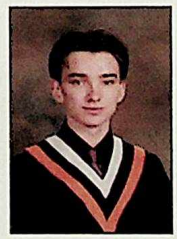

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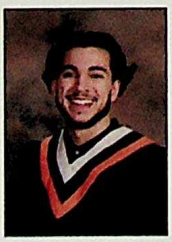

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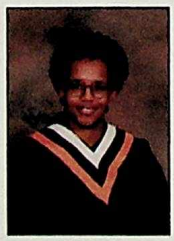

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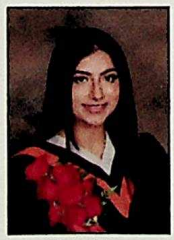

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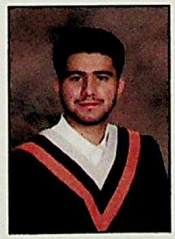

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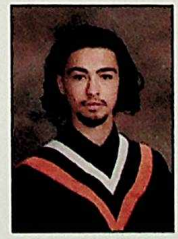

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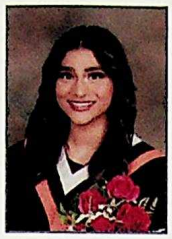
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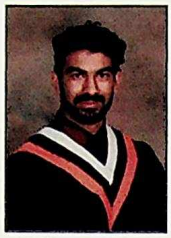
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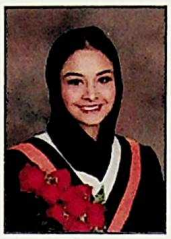
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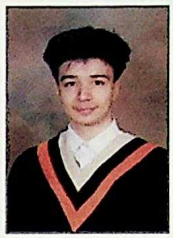
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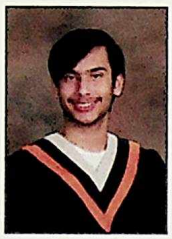
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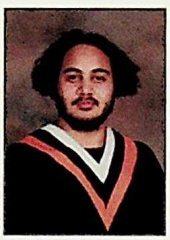
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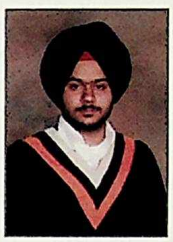
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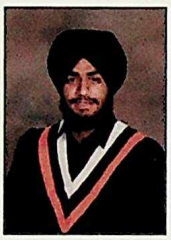
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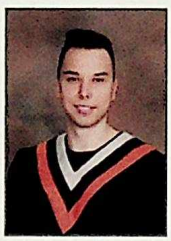
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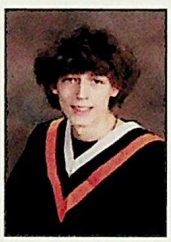
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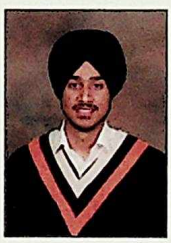
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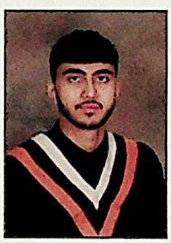
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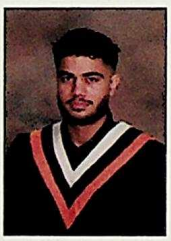
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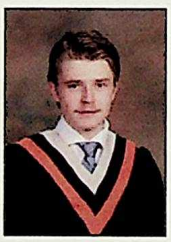
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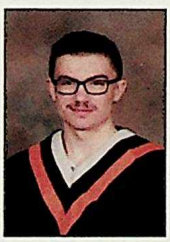
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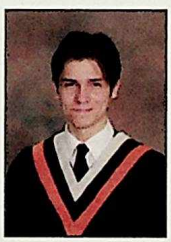
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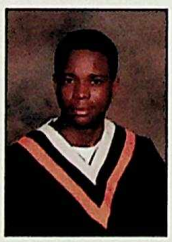
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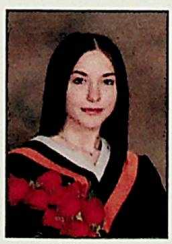
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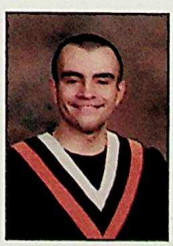
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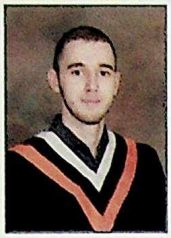
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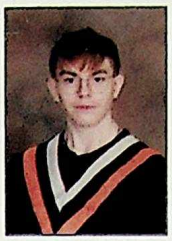
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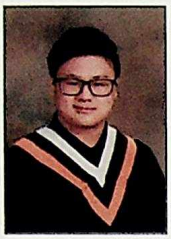
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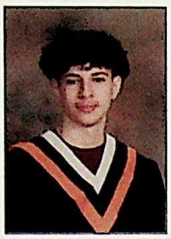
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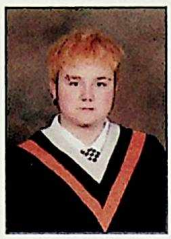
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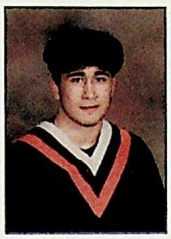
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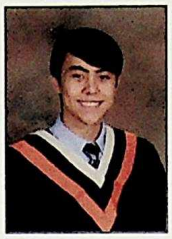
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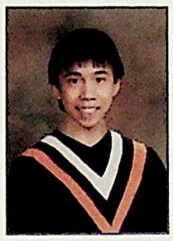
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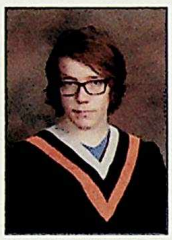
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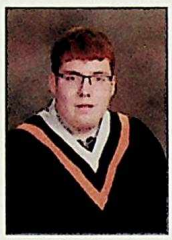
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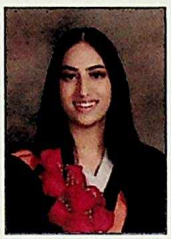
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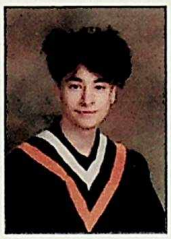
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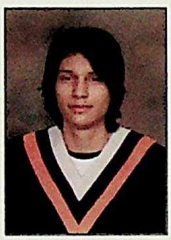
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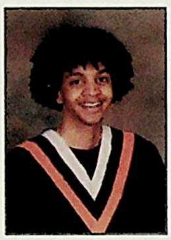
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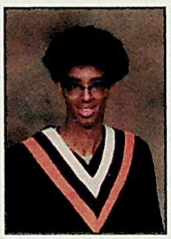
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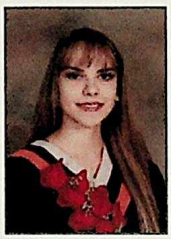
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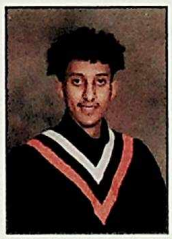
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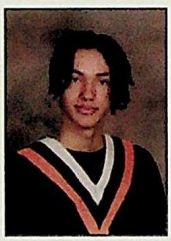
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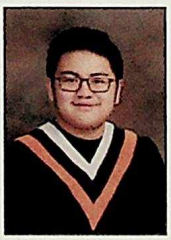
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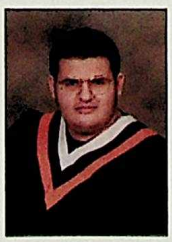
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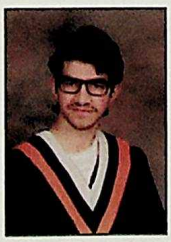
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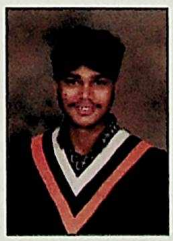
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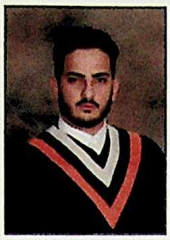

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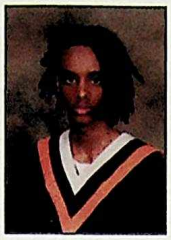

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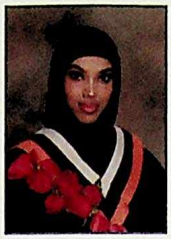

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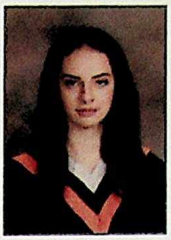

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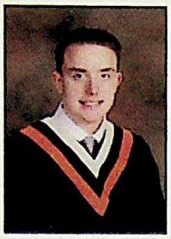

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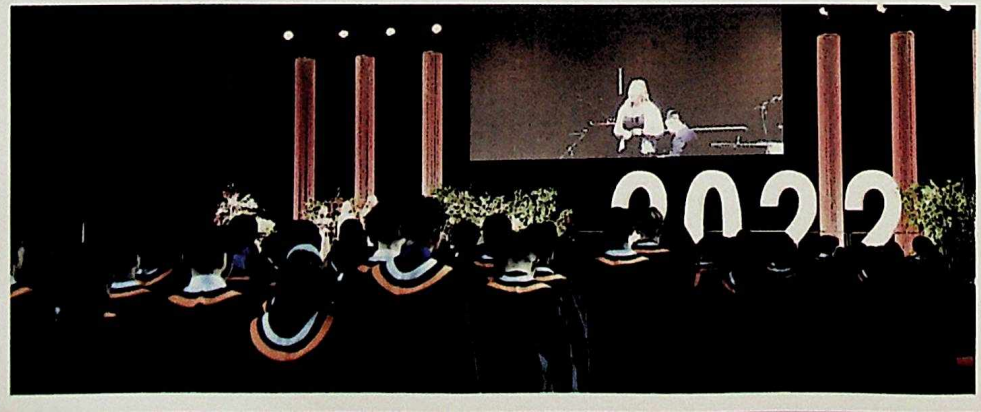


Bilan
Abdigir

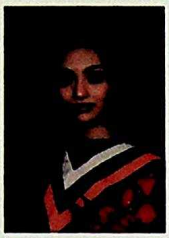
Luck helps the prepared mind

Fardowsa
Abdikadir

"Give me a day or two to think of something clever" - Billie Eilish

Halima
Abdirahman

High school musical set me up.



Alisha
Abdul

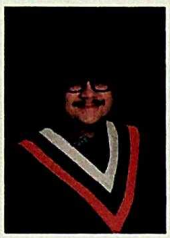
Goodbye, My Danish Sweetheart.

Namareq
Abdulqader

Left this for last minute too

Todimu
Abifarin

"That's just your heart giving high fives to your sternum. 50 times a second..." - Andrea Gibson Ode to Public Panic Attacks



Yasser
Abotabeekh

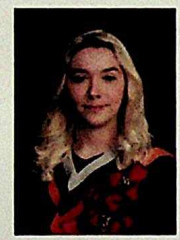
Life is like a box of chocolates, so you never know what youre gunna get.

Fatima
Abou Ghaouche

Would say Ill miss every second but its haram to lie

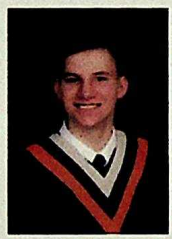
Sarah
Adam

when life shuts a door just open it. Its a door. Thats how they work.



Haylee
Adams

It Always Seems Impossible Until Its Done.



Mason
Adamson

I have no seasoning.

Noor
Ahmad-Assad

Graduated but still clueless

Amanda
Al-Shather

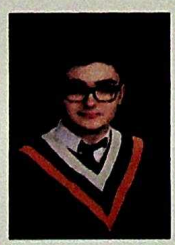
love myself, love yourself, peace.

Madelyn
Almeida

Even in the far future, never forget the you of right now. from BTS Tomorrow

Ayah
Altalhouni

"Indeed with hardship comes ease" 94:6 Quran. You will face hardships going forward, but eventually, itll end. Stay patient. Congrats Class of 2022!



Kevin
Andrade

Jumped outta bed -Jpro

Macy
Armstrong

My villain origin story was surviving the plague for a piece of paper.

Iman
Arshed

about time

Kesha
Austin

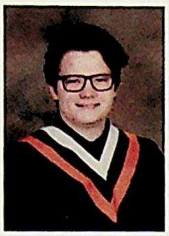
12 years down 13 left.

Mabinty
Bangura

Graduated but still clueless :p

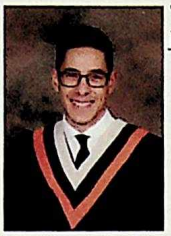
Erica
Barber

When the last bell rings, I might actually miss this place



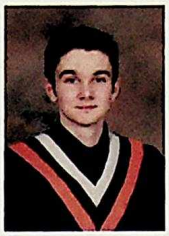
Boyce
Batoche

Don't be something you want to be, but someone you want to be



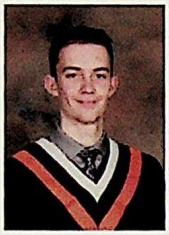
Ethan
Bernard

"What I'm bout to eat" - JPRO



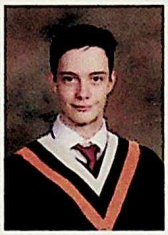
Ryan
Bertrand

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step- lao tzu



Ian
Boogmans-Smutt

You got to jump in to swim.

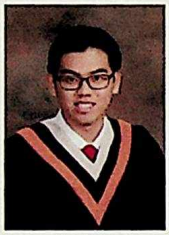


Ryan
Boogmans-Smutt

Whats the deal with Snapchat?

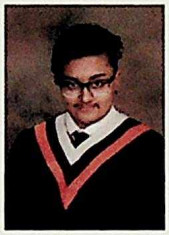
Nyagot
Both Deng

I started late but I made it!



Jayden
Bouphasiri

Roses are red, Violets are blue, theres always an Asian kid better than you

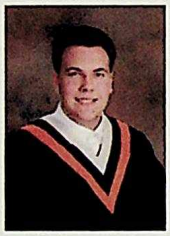


Rowan
Buksh

Of course I have pink hair and pronouns.

Emma
Cardinal

High School Musical was very unrealistic.



Tanner
Carney

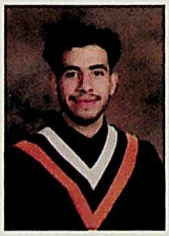
Its not what you take when you leave this world behind you, Its what you leave behind you when you go- Randy Travis

Monisha
Chaitoo

School is important but so is making memories.

Tanya
Chandra

Finally Escaped The Zoo



Amen
Charef

The grass aint greener on the other side, Dont get it twisted.

Kareema
Charkie

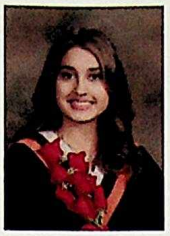
The world is yours -TM

Olivia
Chau

bippity

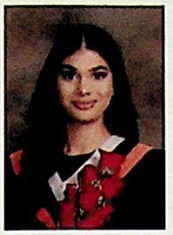
Liyah
Chavez-Dias

ravioli, ravioli, give me the diplomioli



Arpanpreet
Cheema

I even overthought this

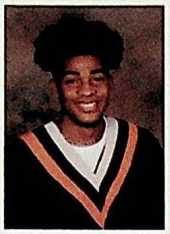


Sehajpreet
Cheema

"Shout out myself for gettin us through this"

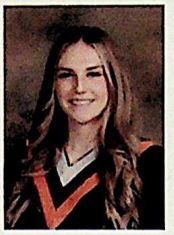
Kiana
Chong

This looked so much cooler on TV



Keanu
Clarke

Your future is only as good as the work you put into it.



Payton
Cooper

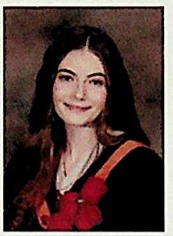
I tried to pay attention, but attention paid me - Lil Wayne

Cassandra
Corpuz

Do you want to go see butterflies?

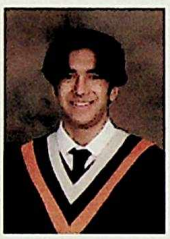
Somaya
Darwish

Stay positive, test negative.



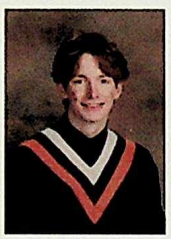
Shyann
Dejong

Dont spend all of your time trying to be like someone else because you can never be them and they can never be you.



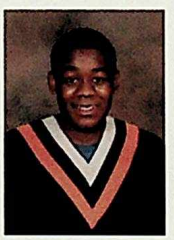
Aiden
Deonie

"I biked, you walked." - Aiden Deonie 2019



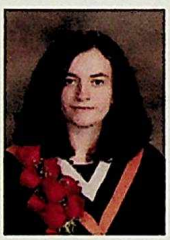
Maisen
Deschene

There's no such thing as a life that's better than yours - J.Cole



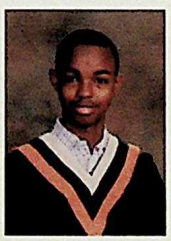
Schneider
Dolne

It sure have been an interesting year so far. What got me through this year was my friends and teachers that I could talk to. It made me feel like I belong in this diverse community.



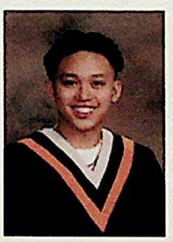
Hanna
Drechsler

Well at least I left highschool learning one thing, the mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell.



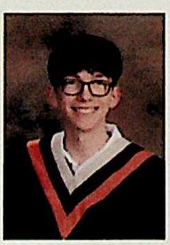
Fowzon
Dubat

Quit, dont quit. Noodles, dont noodles. You are too concerned with what was and what will be. Theres a saying: Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the present.



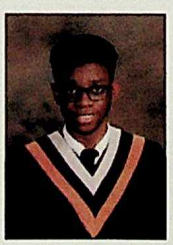
Keno
Dumlao

I put my grades up for adoption because I couldn't raise them



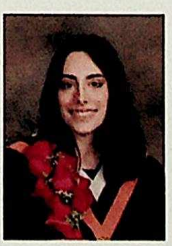
Jayden
Ellsworth

Life is short, make it count.



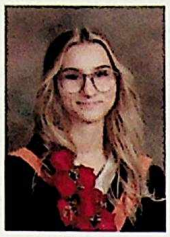
Emmanuel
Eremionkhale

Reach for the stars so if you fall you land on a cloud.



Mira
Fakhreddine

Future so bright I have to wear shades.

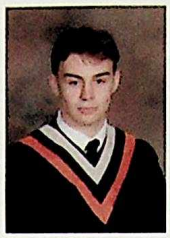


What? Like its hard??

Stacy
Farkas

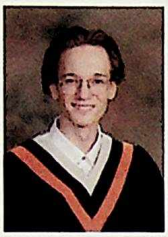
My homework might not be done but I am.

Sarah
Feng



All this time for a piece of paper, just to never use algebra again.

Dryden
Ferchoff



People say there are ups and downs in life but the only way I'm going is up

Nicolas
Ferguson

ill miss this place, said no one ever-katherine peirce

Avery
Fidler

Yo no sé mañana, but I hope its great.

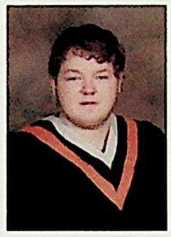
Angelina
Flores

dogs should be rewarded for not being people

Zoe
Gatz

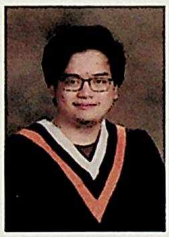
Maybe its sad that these are now memories. And maybe its not sad. - The Perks of Being a Wallflower (1999)

Liyana
Gloria



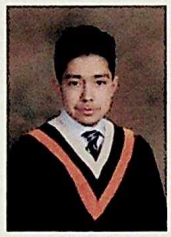
"A dream Its something you do for yourself, not for others.

Robert
Goddard



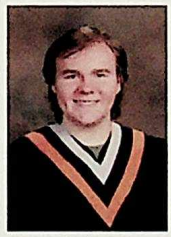
the circumstances of one's birth are irrelevant, it's what you do with the gift of life that determinates who you are.

Louis
Gonzales



If you have the opportunity to play this game of life you need to appreciate every moment. A lot of people don't appreciate the moment until it's passed.

Rafael
Gonzalez

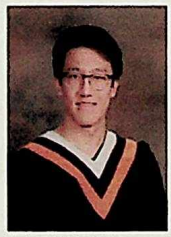


"If you enter to our kitchen and the she finds it dirty, it is because the one that not scrubs this, and the one that this it is not the one that scrubs, and as you he wont scrub, dont criticize as this." -Eric Andre

Dylan
Gregory

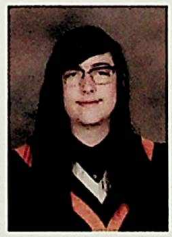
survey says I AM a penguin.

Hadiya
Guleed



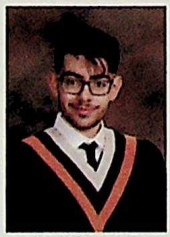
Good luck, future me!

Shu Kai
Guo



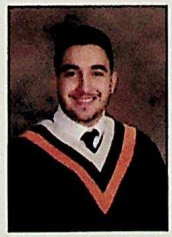
No amount of skill can match the power of sheer dumb luck

David
Gyoba



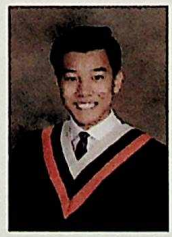
We were north side tough guy basketball, didnt know west Ed I lived in londonderry mall

Romi
Halabi



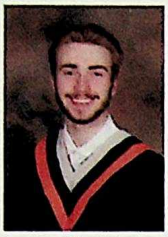
I used to read slam magazines, 20 years later now we rolling in some limousines.

Brandon
Hamieh



If you focus on what's left behind you'll never be able to look ahead.

Brandon
Han

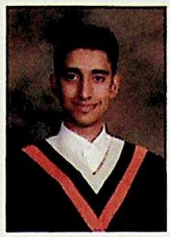


How much does the Earth cost? Im gonna buy the entire Earth, and be a king - Kanye

Zen Hanrahan

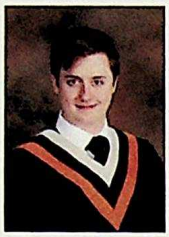
JusReign was right why did I did that?

Rehnaz Hans



JusReign was right why did I did that?

Gurnoor Hari

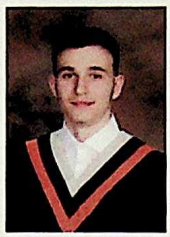


Due tomorrow, do tomorrow

Samuel Harris

Raise a glass to freedom, something that well never see again

Olivia Hatch

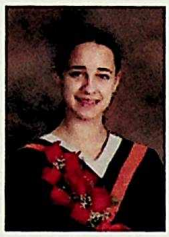


She loves a Shqipe

Agron Haziri

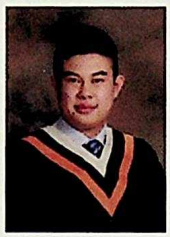
blinks welp there goes my childhood

Rileigh Heary



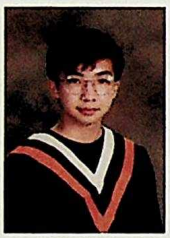
Highschool is like a dance competition, there will be moments of failure and moments of success, but once its over you get to look back at all the great memories you made.

Katie Hedman



You dont got to be the best, but dont forget to push yourself and others to be the best they can be.

Benjamin Hua



With great power comes great responsibility

Mathew Huang

Failure is not the opposite of success, it is a part of the process that leads to it. Learn from the mistakes of the past and build the better and brighter future that everyone deserves.

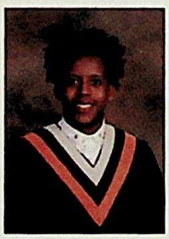
Prabhreet Hundal

Live like there is no mañana.

Nataly Iglesias

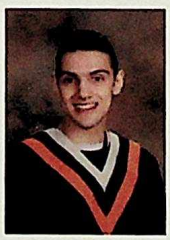
"If you wanna make the world a better place Take a look at yourself and then make a change" -Michael Jackson

Cayla Inman



Lifes good

Kananisa Jafer Abdi



TRUST ALLAH When you believe Allah stands with you it doesnt matter who stands against you

Rudy Jamal

Be patient, take your time and don't skip. I learned the hard way.

Shaylee Jones-Roberts

Has high school been hard? Well Ive been chasing good grades these past years like Kanyes been chasing Kim. I think thats enough said.

Khushdeep Kalley

I learnt everything in high school the way JusReigns dad couldnt tell the difference between B and V.

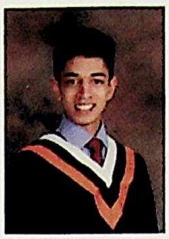
Sanroop Kalley

Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game. -A Cinderella Story

Amanda
Kalynchuk

You have to keep plugging away no matter the difficulty. We are all growing and there is no shortcut. You have to put time into it to build an audience. -John Gruber

Mumthaz
Kamaldin-Suleiman



High School was great, now let's leap onto the next adventure in life.

Siddharth
Kannan

Now what...

Jassica
Kaur

tables turn, bridges burn, you live and learn

Lina
Khatib

I talk a lot, so Ive learned to tune myself out. - Kelly Kapoor

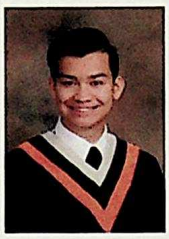
Arika
King

Have courage.

Jenna
Kisilevich

Who was in Paris?

Jahsyna
Koleric-Perkins

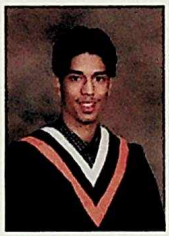


"Eat lots of pizza so you can walk sideways through doors." - Darian

Evan
Kosowan

We're adults. When did that happen? And how do we make it stop? - Meredith Grey

Sonia
Krishna



Got it

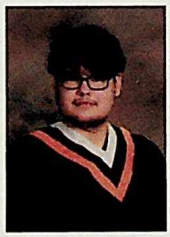
Malisha
Kumarasingha

Ew, COVID!

Benitha
Kwizera M

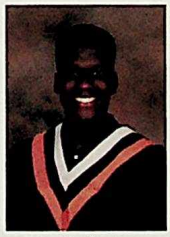
It is what it is.

Erynne
Laboucan-Sawan



Linemen are like AC - not noticed unless they're not working

Darius
Lafond



Everybody will fail you in life, except for Jesus. Trust in the Lord, and you shall find meaning, life and purpose. Do not follow illiterate people. Follow Jesus. And whatever you do, give time to listen closelyto God.

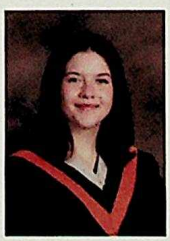
Roba
Lakou

Ur done.

Aman
Lall

It is never too late to be who you might have been"

Cathy
Lam



Use your words.

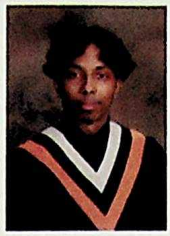
Natasha
Langenfurth

Megyn
Le

boppity

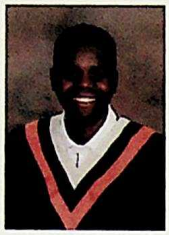
Keily
Liw

boo!



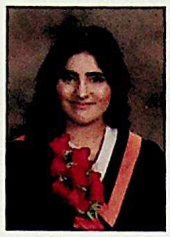
Gaurav
Louis

High School is like Monopoly. I just drew a "get out of jail forever" card.



Chris
Majaliwa

Nah - Rosa Parks



Divjot
Mann

Is this due at 11:59 too?

Kayla
Mao

"Tales of loss and fire and faith. Every word on our hearts engraved. In the dark you will not stray. Forge ahead. Till the end. We pray." -Masayoshi Soken

Talita
Maslanko

Money may not buy happiness but I'll definitely accept apologies in cash

Paige
McDade

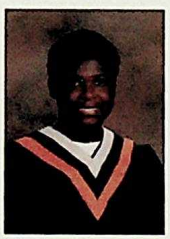
Be to yourself. Stay to yourself and trust nobody - Tupac

Cassandra
Moffitt

Procrastinated till the last min for this assignment too

Ahlaam
Mohamed

"set your heart ablaze" - rengoku



Ibrahim
Mohamed

Imma be real with y'all, I have no idea what to put here.

Saida
Mohamed

"Graduation is the first step of the next chapter of your life."

Jessica
Moore

Progress is not always linear. Do not fear failure for it may be the revelations had from your present mistakes which lead you to your future success. Persist against all odds.

Julia
Mott

And everything you get, ya gotta work hard for it. Biggie Smalls

Mariam
Moustafa

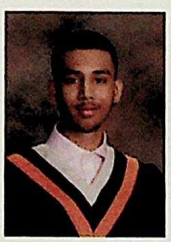
If my grade 12 year was made into a movie then math 30-1 would be the main antagonist.

Maya
Murad

Crossing the border was easier than getting a diploma

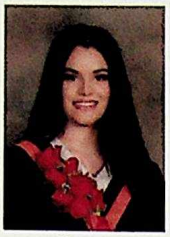
Sierra
Naismith

The power of imagination makes us infinite.



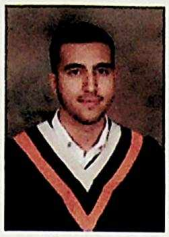
Manish
Nand

I don't care what society says. I've never regretted doing anything. I will survive and do what I want to.



This was also due at 11:59

Shagan
Narwan



Learn from every mistake because every experience, encounter, and mistake teaches you and forces you to be who you are. The key to life is to develop an internal moral, emotional G.P.S. that can tell you which way to go.

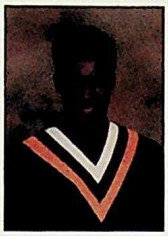
Ranveer
Natt

Im not like other girls but Im also exactly like other girls.

Fatima
Nchei

It isn't about our final moments, it's about the moments that led up to them

Jordyn
Ngo

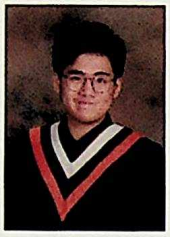


I got kicked out of Hogwarts for using black magic.

Ajak
Nguoth

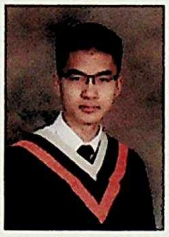
Id give up my bakery to have a piece of your pie, eugh!

Jacqueline
Nguyen



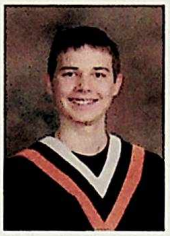
The internal workings of my brain are as organized as my music folders and are as stable as uranium-235.

Phu
Nguyen



Pros don't fake.

Quinton
Nguyen



I am constantly taken aback by my own stupidity and it amazes me.

Cody
Nieuwhof

awe look i did it ! how swag of me :)

Emily
Ninan

School is fun when the teacher tells you about their life

Sydney
Norman

President of the Napping Club, signing off

Bryant
Ong

To quote the New World Order, all of the people here are just too sweet! Thanks for all the good times!

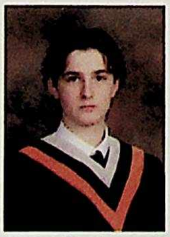
Amanda
Papirnik

Im allergic to social situations

Madison
Patey

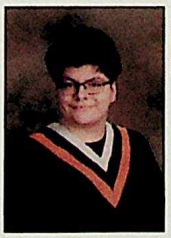
If you dont remember me, its probably because I was never here

Bukhtawer
Pathan



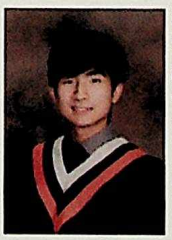
Edmonton Oilers 2034-35 Stanley Cup Champions

Jacob
Peacock



Procrastinated this just like everything else in my life

Brett
Petrie



So you're telling me, the next sentence I say you're gonna use as my yearbook quote? You're joking right?

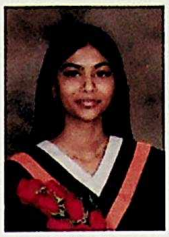
Vincent
Phu

Michael
Pivovarchuk

I've learned from the bad times and was humbled by the good.

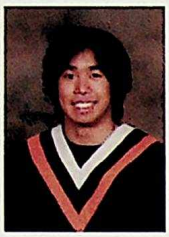
Ariel
Poon

Thank you to all my friends and family for showing love at all times by helping me to keep fighting and always reminding me to see the good in myself.



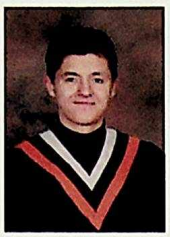
Sheral
Prasad

I need a room full of mirrors so I can be surrounded by winners.



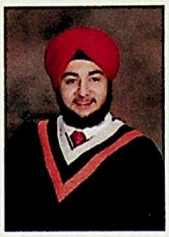
Souriyo
Praseutsith

We go jim! Don't skip leg day



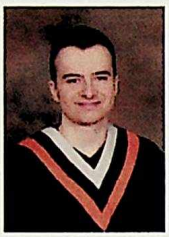
Andrew
Prinsen

I aspire to have a beard like Mr.Lobb



Dasmesh
Puri

Don't try opening the book based on my life and flip through the pages to find yourself in it believing I know you, when I don't.



Stefan
Radosavljevic

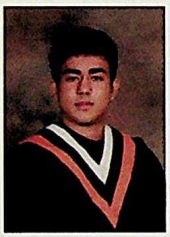
The morning is wiser than the evening.

Jenna
Rahall

They asked me to write something. So here it is: SOMETHING

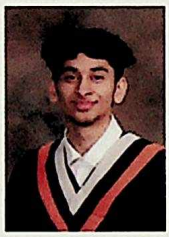
Mona Lisa
Rahall

"Leonardo da Vinci really did take his time on me."



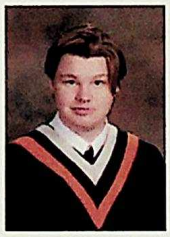
Ahnaf
Rahman

Whos in paris



Sartaj Singh
Randhawa

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind dont matter and those who matter dont mind



Kieran
Regan

I got heart but I aint trying to see Marcia Clark

Valentine
Regnier

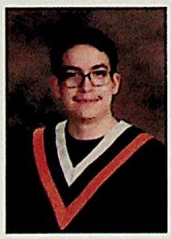
In 10 months I lived in High School Musical. Thank you for making my dream come true. I will see you in France. The French student.

Hana
Resendes

It's giving Cher - Shawn Mendes

Trista
Robertson

The expected is just what keeps us steady, standing, still. The expected is just the beginning. The unexpected is what changes our lives.



Dylan
Rodriguez

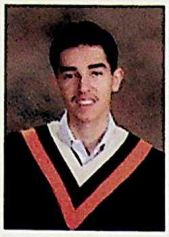
"No great mind has ever existed without a touch of madness"

Vince
Romero

I couldn't have done this without my energy drinks.

Melisha
Russell

Still Nervous, hoping nobody would notice. Gatta to think out the box, I hate being bunched up

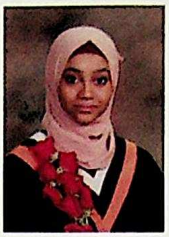


Saad
Safadi

Success takes two things, consistency and dedication

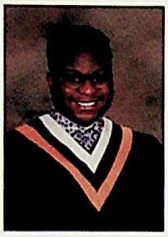
Aisha
Salat

Not everybody fits on the rostah.



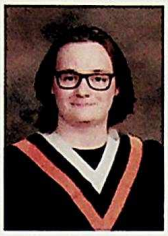
Dilaila
Salum

Live, laugh, love



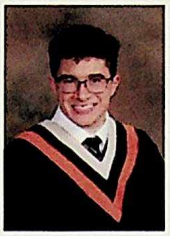
Zachary
Samuels

Respect Is Earned not Given



Zack
Schmidt

Its never too many graves, Its always not enough shovels - Fit For An Autopsy

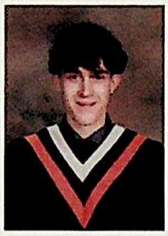


Sean
Semeniuk

Just got paid, Friday night, Party huntin', feelin' right - Johnny Kemp 1986

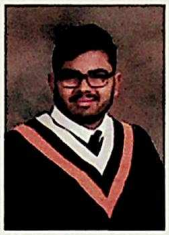
Taylor
Senyk

There will never be room for ego, in this life or the next, in that happiness and growth cannot be reached with ego present. With that, start being loyal to your own peace of mind.



Ryan
Serediak

"Just when I think Im out, they pull me back in - Michael Corleone



Zameer
Shah

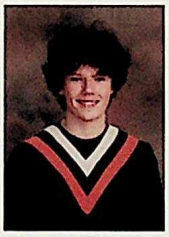
Dont let your past shape your future

Anjali
Sharma

By any means

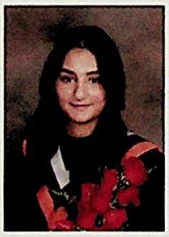
Awantika
Sharma

I was so impressed - Taehyung



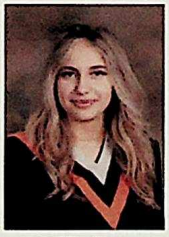
Cole
Sharpe

A smile can bring joy, make you happy, and cheer up those around you, so never stop smiling, no matter how bad it may get.



Inara
Shivji

I don't know about you, but I'm feeling '22

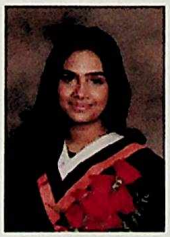


Kinda
Shtay

I focused on this quote more than I did in school.

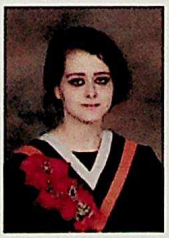
Lisari
Silva

Pain.



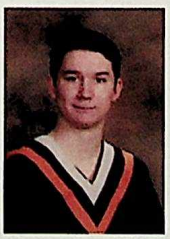
Shreya
Singh

The world is yours -Tony Montana



Savanna
Skinner

LOOK! LOOK AT ME! I GRADUATED! YEEAAH!



Damian
Sookram

You have to be odd to be number one

Amira Stewart

gaslight. gatekeep. girlboss.

Kaylie Strachan

I'm only here because you guys kept calling my mom

Jinan Tayem

Nothing in life is impossible as long as you take that first step

Kaitlyn-Rae Tearle

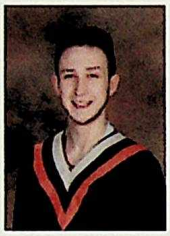
"I'll Always Remember You" -Hannah Montana

Joselyn Thody

"I did my waiting! 12 years of it! In Azkaban!"- Sirius Black

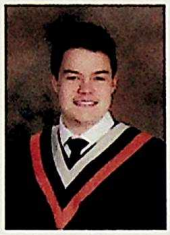
Shanique Thomas

If they say you can't do it. Do it twice and take pictures.



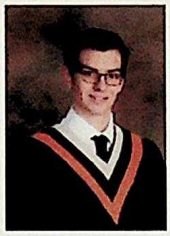
Eryk Thompson

Put in the work, Put in the hours



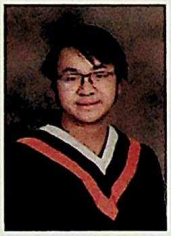
Ryan Thomson

Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.



Dylan Tracey

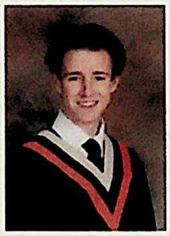
Quote? What do I look like, a philosopher?



Jack Truong

Julia Anh Truong

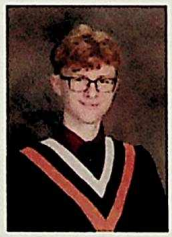
We did it! We did it! We did it! Yeah! We did it! - Dora the Explorer



Milan Turk

Kimberly Ubillus

Natalia Ungstad



Bennett Visser

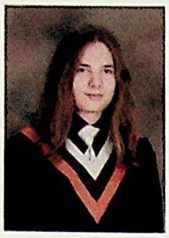
Well be fine as long as we stay together -Obi-Wan Kenobi

Naima Walid Ahmed

Shaleen Walji

Morgan Wanderingspirit

"We had nothing to lose, nothing to gain, nothing we desired anymore except to make our lives into a work of art." - Lana Del Rey.



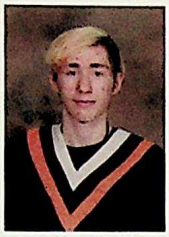
Blake
Weiss

The longest hours you'll have in your life are the ones you sit through to know if you're right

Rebecca
Wilson

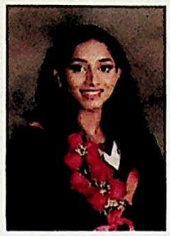
Kaidyn
Wilson-Barnes

Always give the best there is to offer, even if people don't deserve it.



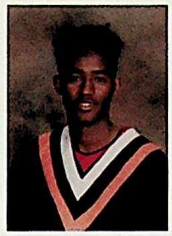
Brandon
Wiltzen

Still waiting on my paycheck Mr. Dunn...



Thihansa
Withanage

I need to be successful because I like expensive things

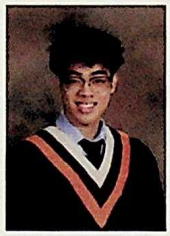


Alud
Woldoyohannes

From testimonials and personal experience we have enough information to conclude that IT'S POSSIBLE TO DESIGN AND LIVE AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE

Erica
Wong

Since when do you get salmonella when you eat raw chicken?



Jayden
Wong

We just need to be overconfident and foolish enough to make it

Nicole
Wong

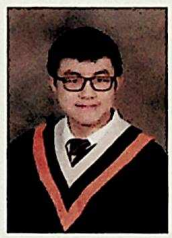
Good luck out there. Wherever that might be.

Tammy
Wun

Moving towards everything and more.

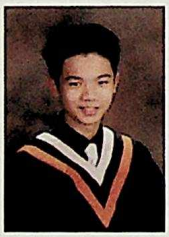
Joey
Yee

"She believed she could, so she did." - R.S. Grey



Herman
Yeo

Making the mother of all omelettes here. Can't fret over every egg.



Andy
Yu

Everyone wants to make a difference, few realize they already have.

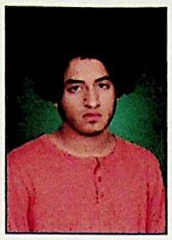
Gabriela
Zetino Jimenez

Im not a kid anymore. And Im excited for all the amazing things to come. - Paris Hilton

Ghida
Abdel Ghany

Amal
Al Ali

Rawaa
Albakri



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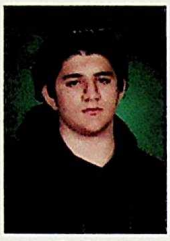

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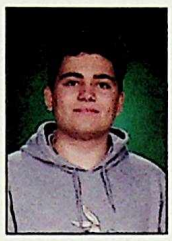

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Nyagot
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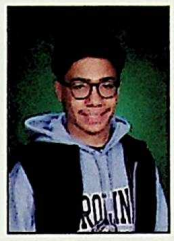

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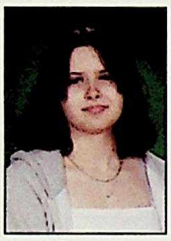

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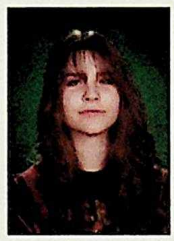

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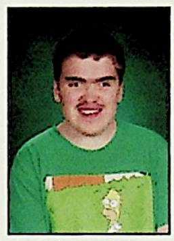

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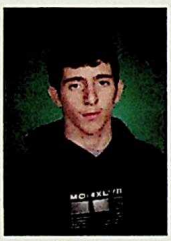

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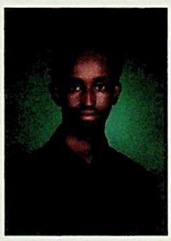

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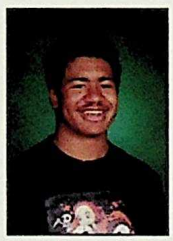

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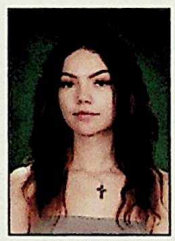

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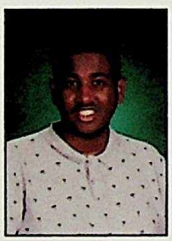

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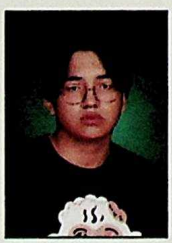

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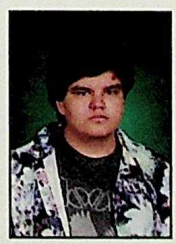

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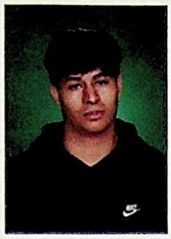

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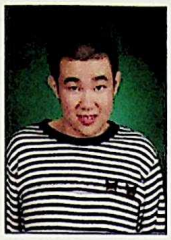

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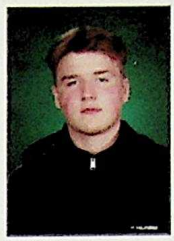

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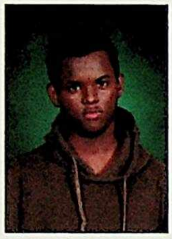

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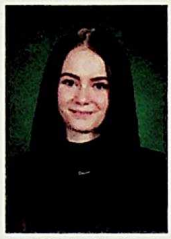

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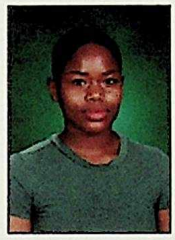

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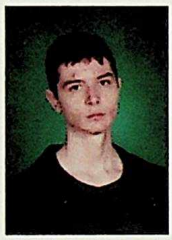

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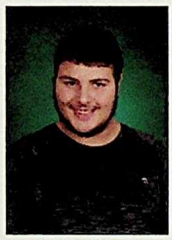

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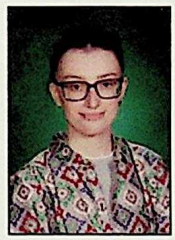

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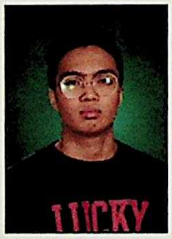

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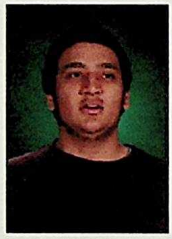

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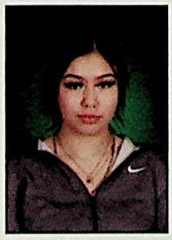

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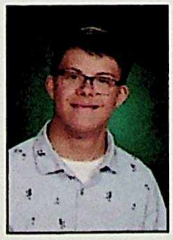

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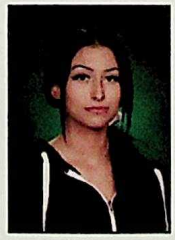

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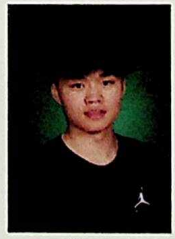

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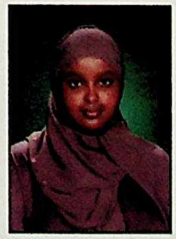

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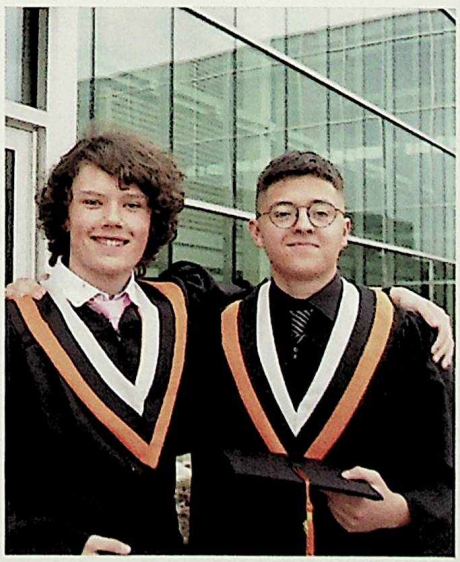
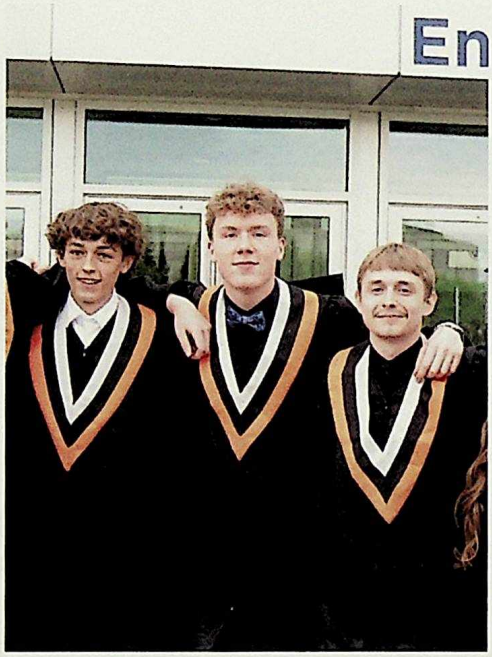
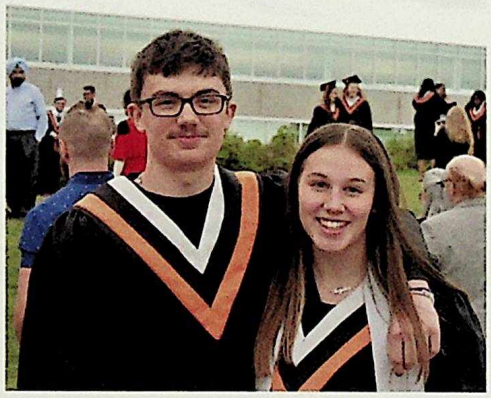






Congratulations!
Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you
know what you know.
And YOU are the guy who'll
decide where to go.

You'll look up and down
streets. Look 'em over with
care.
About some you will say, "I
don't choose to go there."
With your head full of brains
and your shoes full of feet,
you're too smart to go down
any not-so-good street.

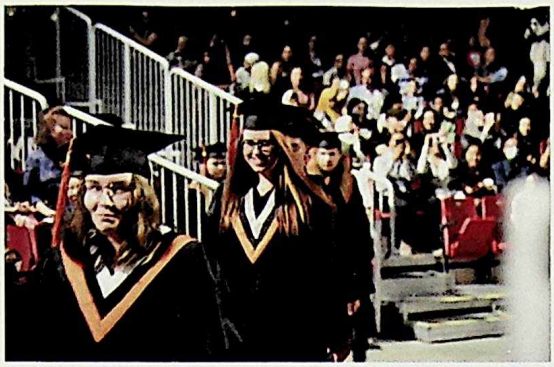
And you may not find any
you'll want to go down.
In that case, of course,
you'll head straight out of
town.

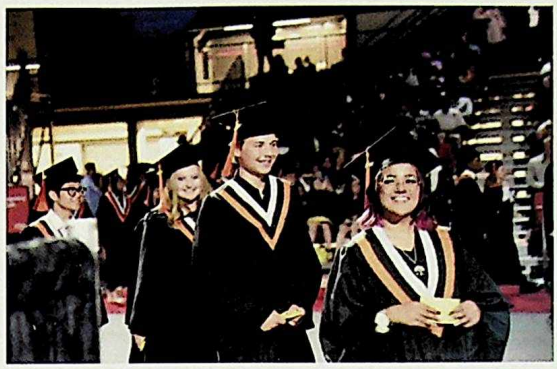
It's opener there
in the wide open air.

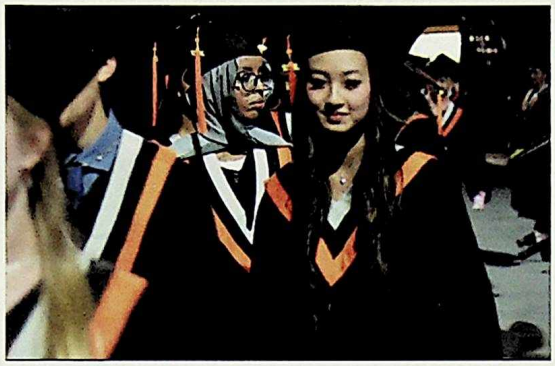
Out there things can happen
and frequently do
to people as brainy
and footsy as you.

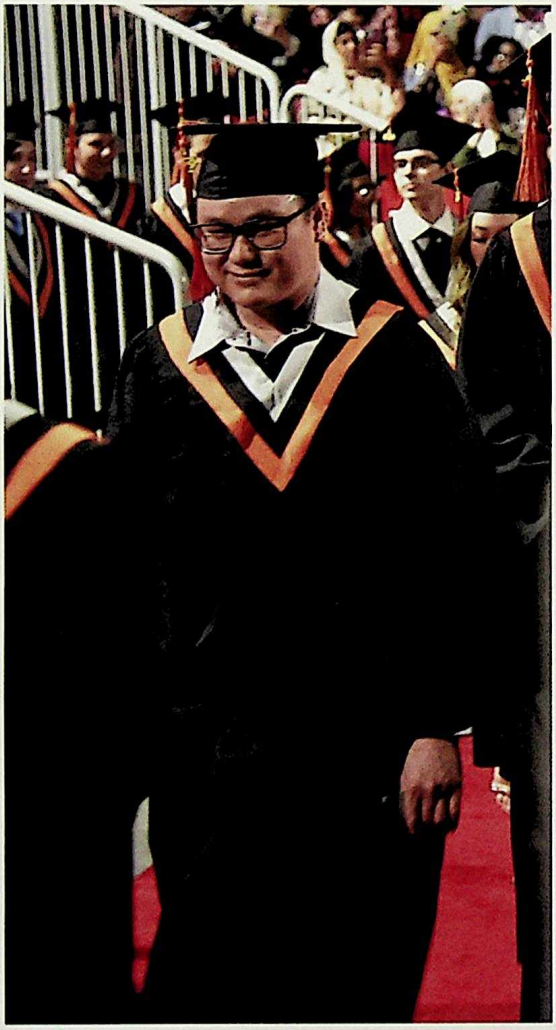
And then things start to
happen,
don't worry. Don't stew.
Just go right along.
You'll start happening too.

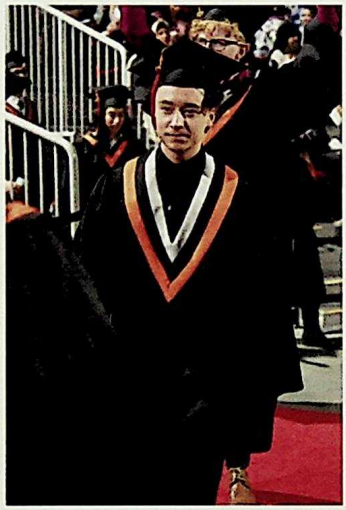
OH!
THE PLACES
YOU'LL GO!

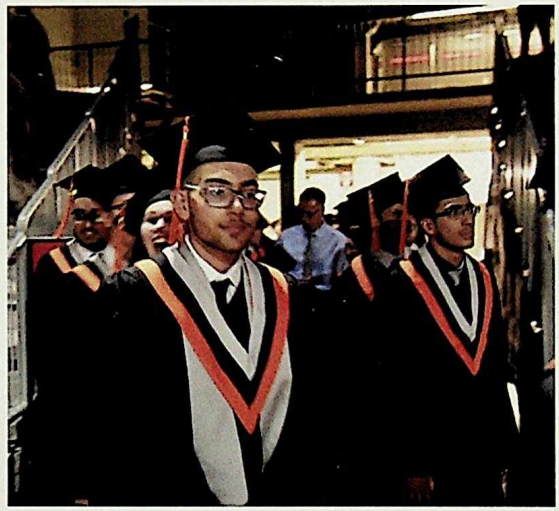


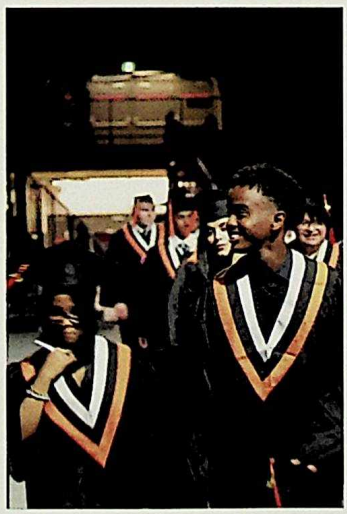


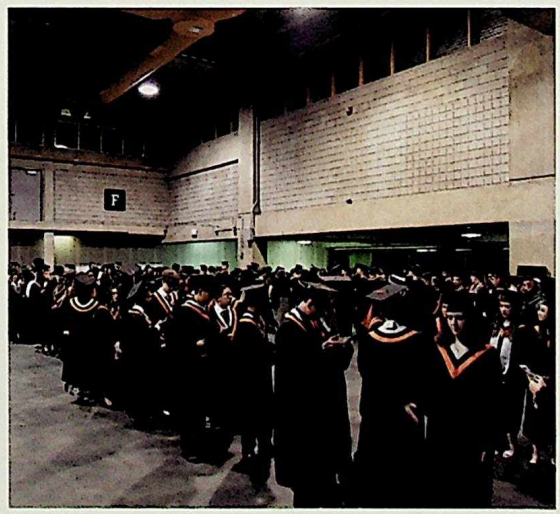


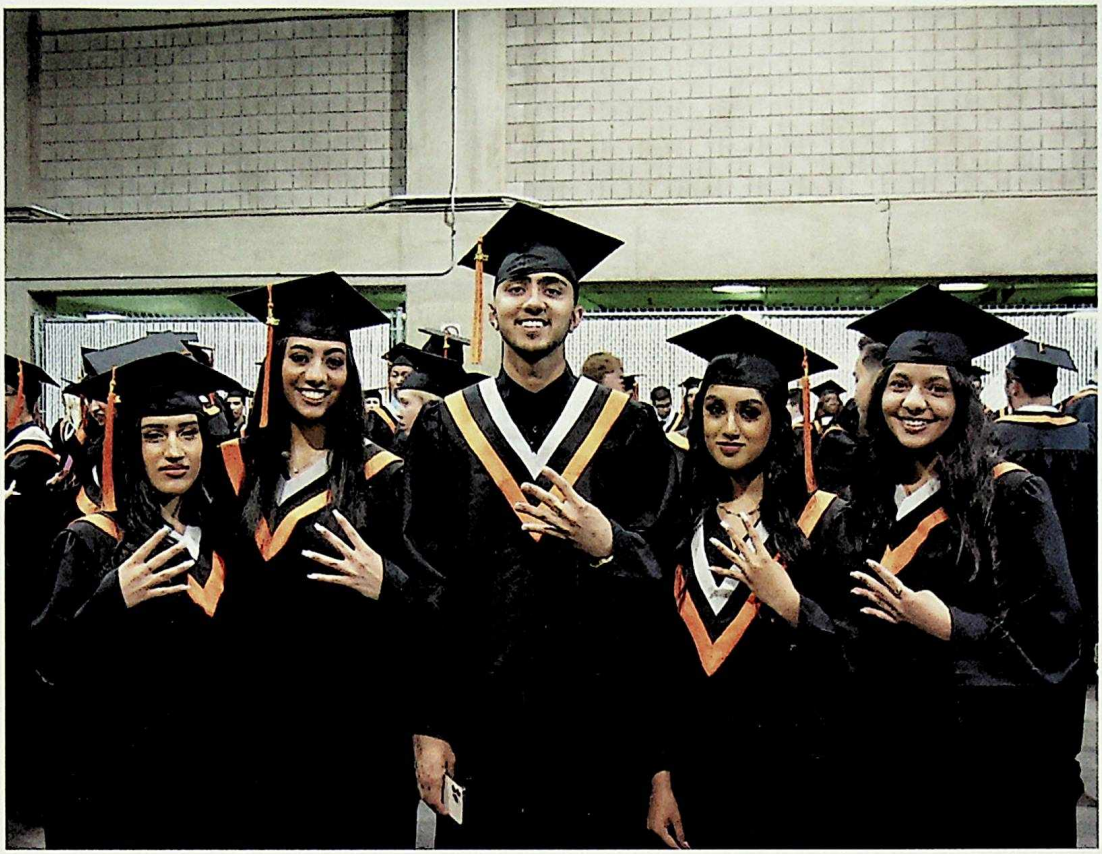


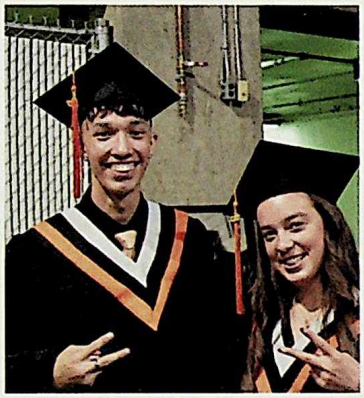


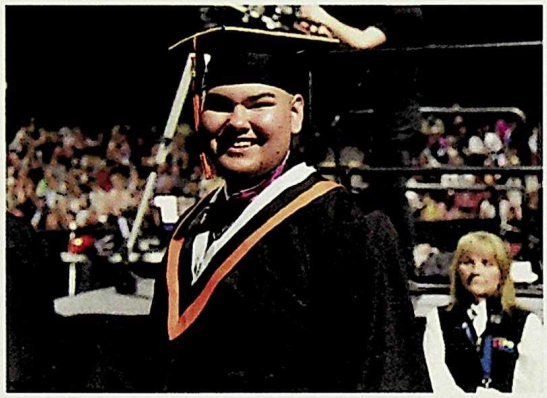








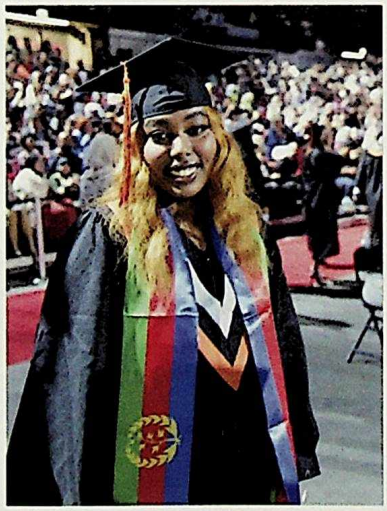


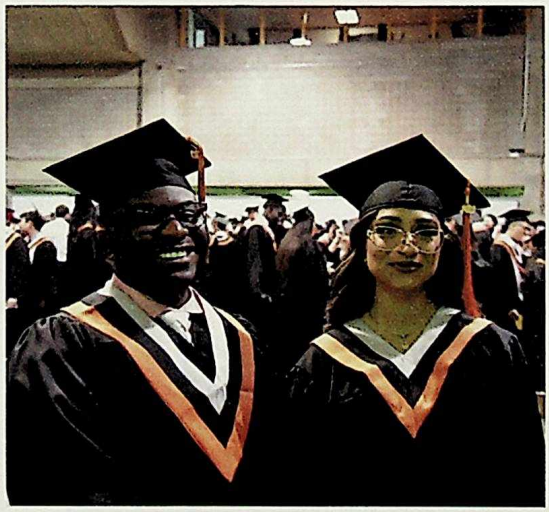


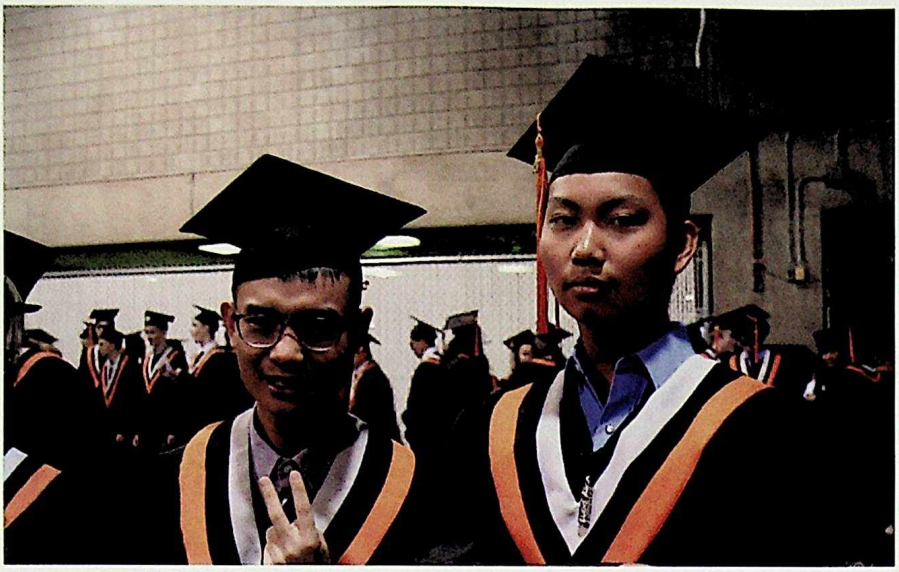
You'll be on your way up!
You'll be seeing great sights!
You'll join the high fliers
who soar to high heights.

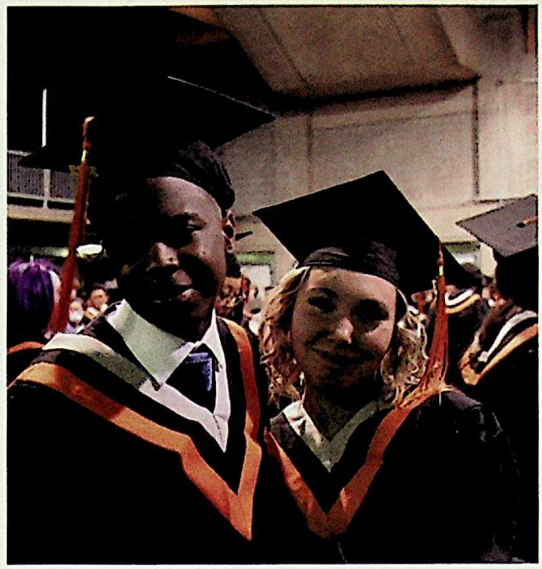
You won't lag behind, because
you'll have the speed.
You'll pass the whole gang and
you'll soon take the lead.

Wherever you fly, you'll be best
of the best.
Wherever you go, you will top all
the rest.
Except when you don't.
Because, sometimes, you won't.

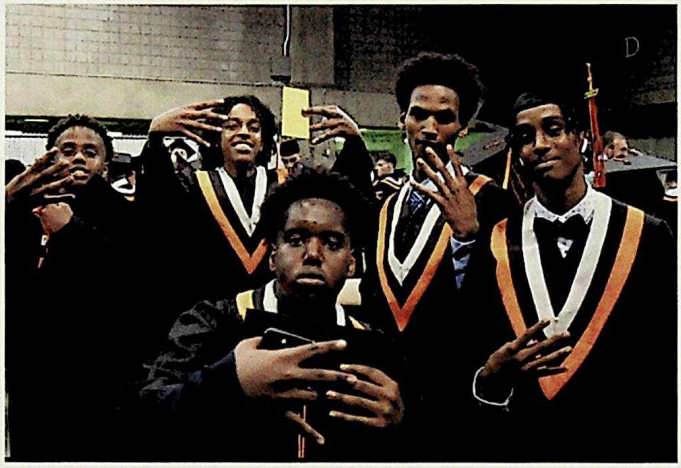








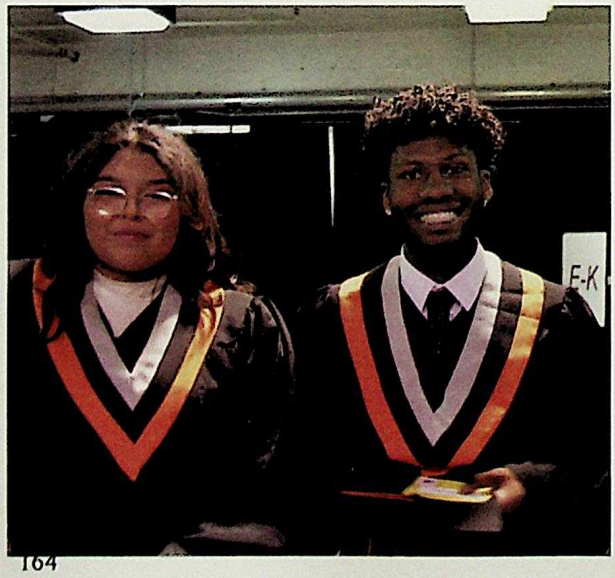
I'm sorry to say so
but, sadly, it's true
that Bang-ups
and Hang-ups
can happen to you.

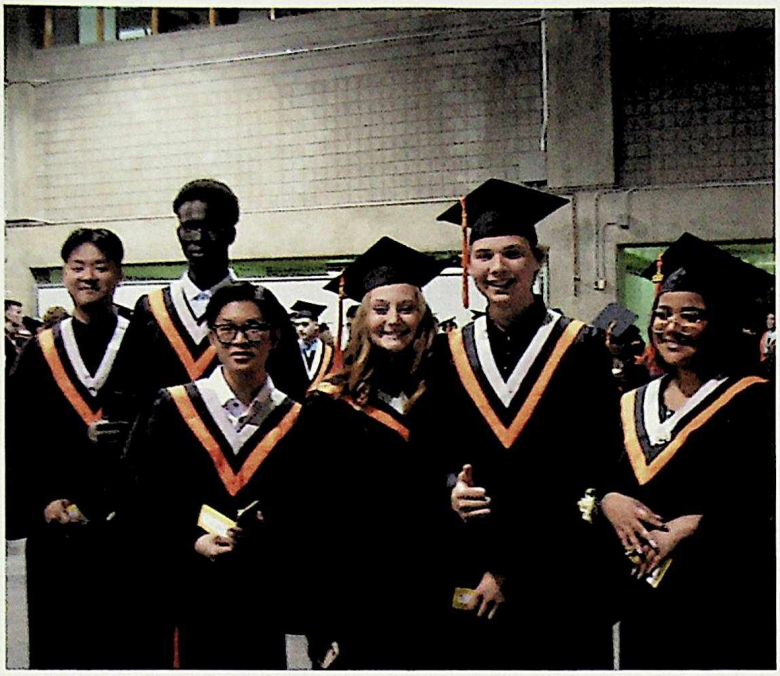


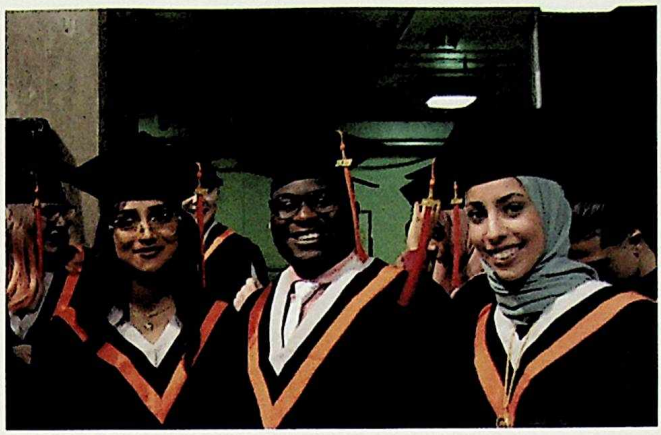
You can get all hung up
in a prickle-ly perch.
And your gang will fly on.
You'll be left in a Lurch.

You'll come down from the Lurch
with an unpleasant bump.
And the chances are, then,
that you'll be in a Slump.

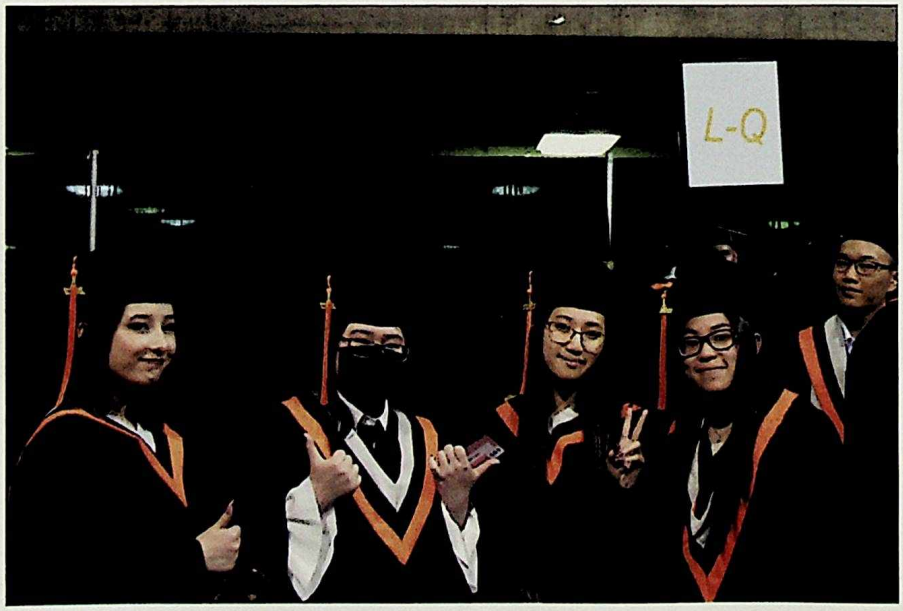
And when you're in a Slump,
you're not in for much fun.
Un-slumping yourself
is not easily done.

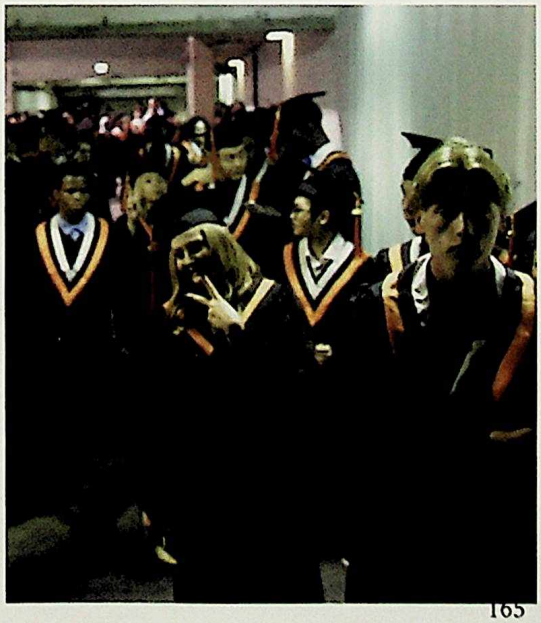






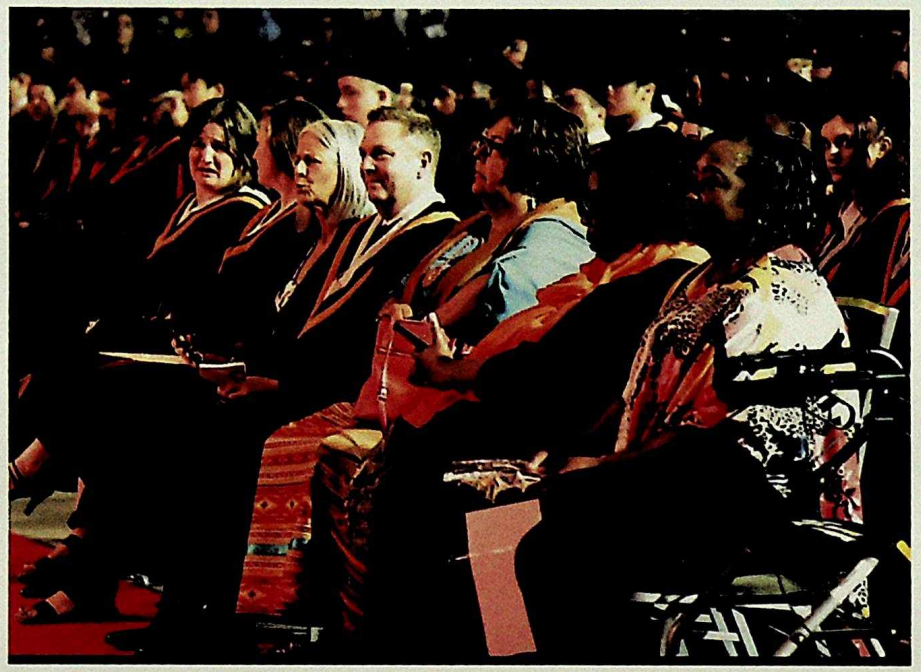
You will come to a place where the streets are not marked.
Some windows are lighted. But mostly they're darked.
A place you could sprain both your elbow and chin!
Do you dare to stay out? Do you dare to go in?
How much can you lose? How much can you win?

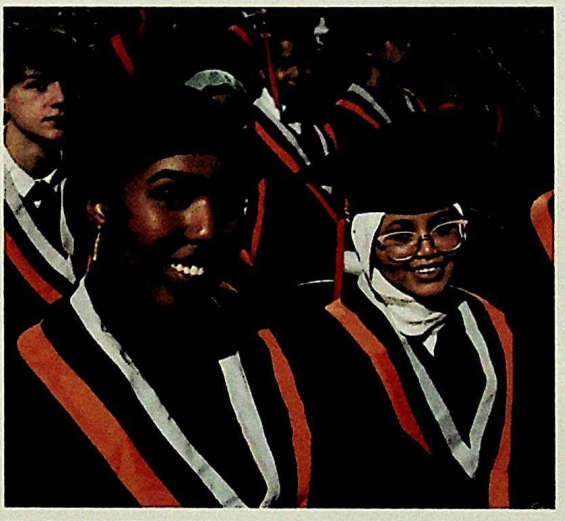


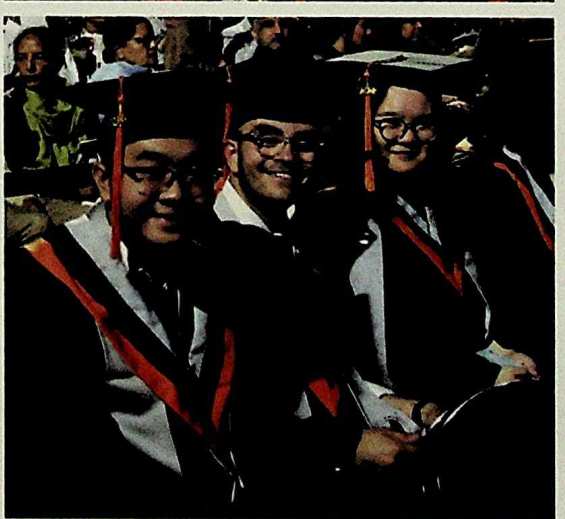


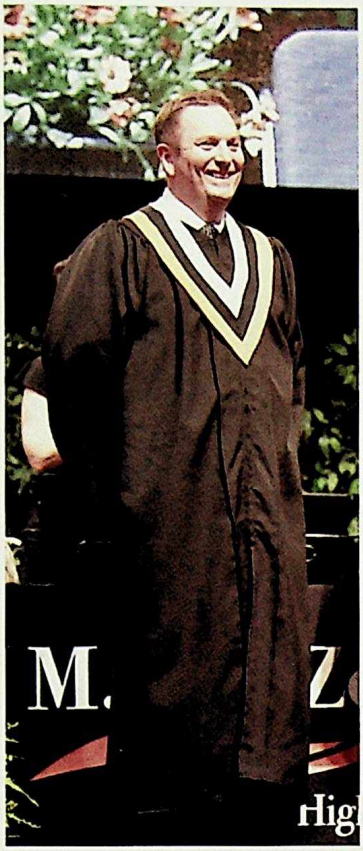
And IF you go in, should you turn left or right...
or right-and-three-quarters? Or, maybe, not quite?
Or go around back and sneak in from behind?
Simple it's not, I'm afraid you will find,
for a mind-maker-upper to make up his mind.

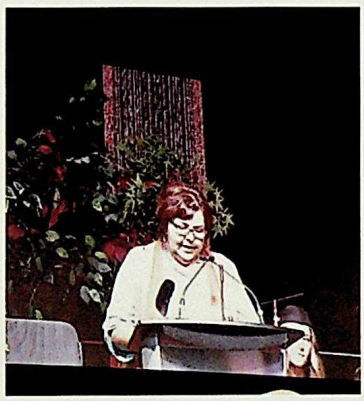
You can get so confused
that you'll start in to race
down long wiggled roads at a break-necking pace
and grind on for miles cross weirdish wild space,
headed, I fear, toward a most useless place.
The Waiting Place...

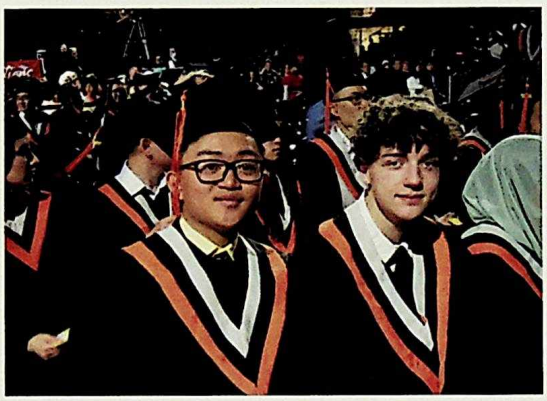


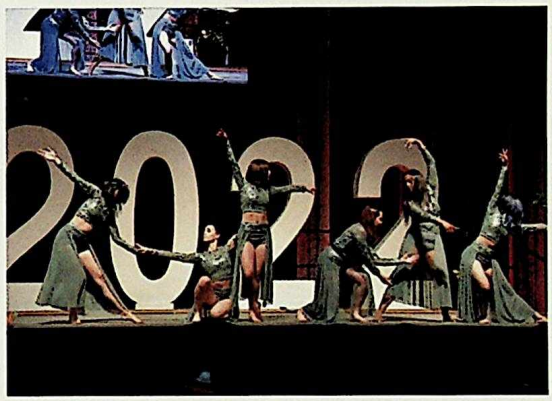












...for people just waiting.
Waiting for a train to go
or a bus to come, or a plane to go
or the mail to come, or the rain to go
or the phone to ring, or the snow to snow
or the waiting around for a Yes or No
or waiting for their hair to grow.

Everyone is just waiting.
Waiting for the fish to bite
or waiting for the wind to fly a kite
or waiting around for Friday night
or waiting, perhaps, for their Uncle Jake
or a pot to boil, or a Better Break
or a string of pearls, or a pair of pants
or a wig with curls, or Another Chance.
Everyone is just waiting.

NO!
That's not for you!

VALEDICTORIAN

My name is Jenna Kisilevich, and I am your class valedictorian. Before I begin with my address, I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped us get here. Thank you to all of the teachers who have supported us and our growth throughout high school. Thank you to our families who have guided us throughout our journeys. And to the entire class of 2022, thank you for being great classmates; it has been a pleasure to spend the last three years with you. We have all found our in-school families, and through the challenges we have faced, they have always been there for us. What an adventure we have partaken in.

Those who have met me would know that I am a self proclaimed cinephile, or movie-lover. I know that some of you would probably prefer to curl up with a good book or to obsessively play an exciting video game, but I prefer to escape into the world of film.

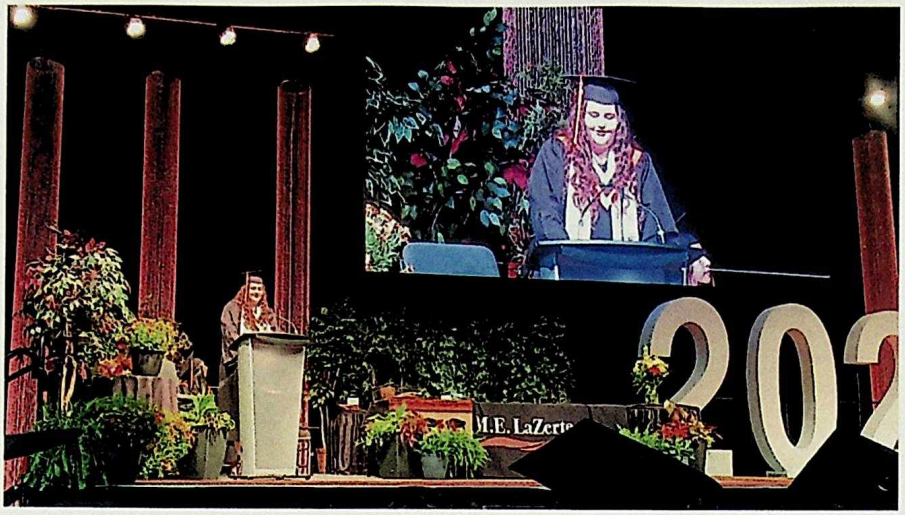
Every great movie has a story structure; however, I would say that most films follow the generalised form that many people are familiar with. First theres the exposition, then the initial incident, the climax, the falling action, and finally the hopefully-satisfying conclusion. This is great for basic usage, as it simplifies complex narratives; of course something so general should be one-size fits all for any kind of story including novels, short stories, and of course films.

However, I have heard the saying over and over again that life itself is a story, a continuous narrative following the same basic structure, and to me, that idea is fundamentally flawed. You see, there is no singular climax, not just one point that every other moment serves to build up to; this graduation is a moment of great importance, but it is certainly not the climax of your entire life, which is why I would like to propose a change in perspective.

Instead of a continuous narrative, what if we think of our lives as anthologies, as collections of many stories or art forms placed in an ensemble, so that together, they tell the story of your life. This way, there are many narrative threads pulling for attention, and there are many defining moments; this anthology is a mental scrapbook of memories and moments which come together to define you.

Because, just as a winding river has its outgoing ebb and incoming flow, just as a mountain range has its high peaks and low valleys, and (for all those physics people out there) just as a transverse wave has its alternating crests and troughs, there are many natural features of beauty and joy, but also some of sorrow and despair; these features in our lives allow us to grow, and perhaps start a new narrative thread in our personal anthology.

However, it is not just our experiences that define us; after all, many movies would be nothing without their MacGuffins, devices within films which help the story to progress, the characters to grow, and the plot to thicken. Whereas the Marvel Cinematic Universe had the infinity stones, whereas Inception had the spinning top, I - well, I had an orange wristband -- one of those jelly ones that never quite fits your wrist -- with a singular, impactful word engraved within it: COURAGE. And although it has taken me this long to get to the point, that is what I wanted my address to be about: that one forceful, inspirational word.



Whenever I had a horrible fear, whether it was trying something that I had never done before, taking a risk, or even speaking in front of thousands of people, I would look down at my wrist, and tell myself to be brave, to think positively, to have courage.

Truth be told, we have all lived through unprecedented times; after all we have been through, it amazes me that the world still decides to put numerous obstacles in our paths, but we have all overcome them to be here tonight. Through three years of masks on our faces, distance between our desks, and air cleaners in our classrooms, we have still managed to build relationships, achieve successes, and discover our inner courage.

If our lives can be seen as an anthology of stories, a built-up fantasy dream of memories, it can become second nature to believe that every plot line has a fairytale ending, and sometimes the most difficult thing to do is to simply face the realities ahead. We are leaving high school, and venturing out into the real world. We are no longer going to be sheltered within this familiar environment of caring teachers and close friends. We have reached the climax of one of our many stories, and it is perhaps the most terrifying thought that we must actually move on. But we need to do just that - we need to wake up from the dream that we are in, as we move into our new reality, the true reality that we all knew was coming, but likely did not want to accept. Facing the fact that time is quickly passing, that it is taking our high school days and turning them into memories, is difficult, and I believe that this takes the most courage of all: staring down the fact of time and accepting that we will ever be moving forward into the future, never being able to go back into the past.

We all still have time for new adventures, for new memories, for new stories, and this sentiment is a beacon of hope shining across the uncertain future. As time continues to pass, and as we are forced forward into the beginning of the next chapter of our lives, I would like to leave you with one simple message: to have courage in pursuing whatever your future may have in store; using this powerful tool may be what allows you to try exhilarating experiences, take exciting risks, achieve great successes, pursue lifelong aspirations, or grab ahold of amazing opportunities that you had never even dreamt to be possible. It is this courage which got us through these past few years, and it is this courage that will allow you to fearlessly face your new reality and to write your next story with the pride and purpose that it deserves.

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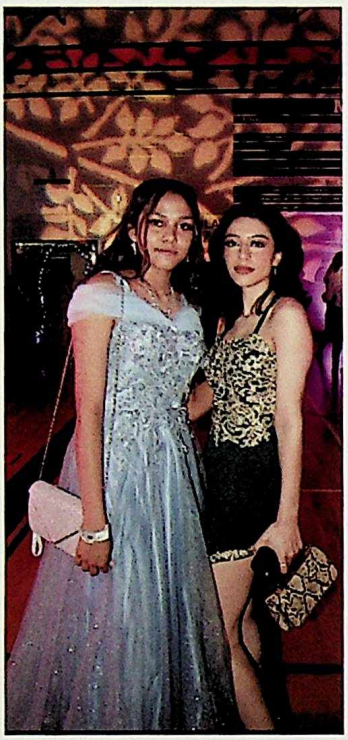
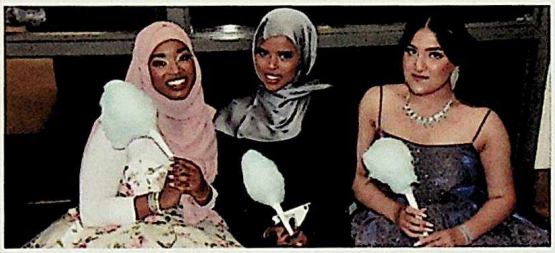
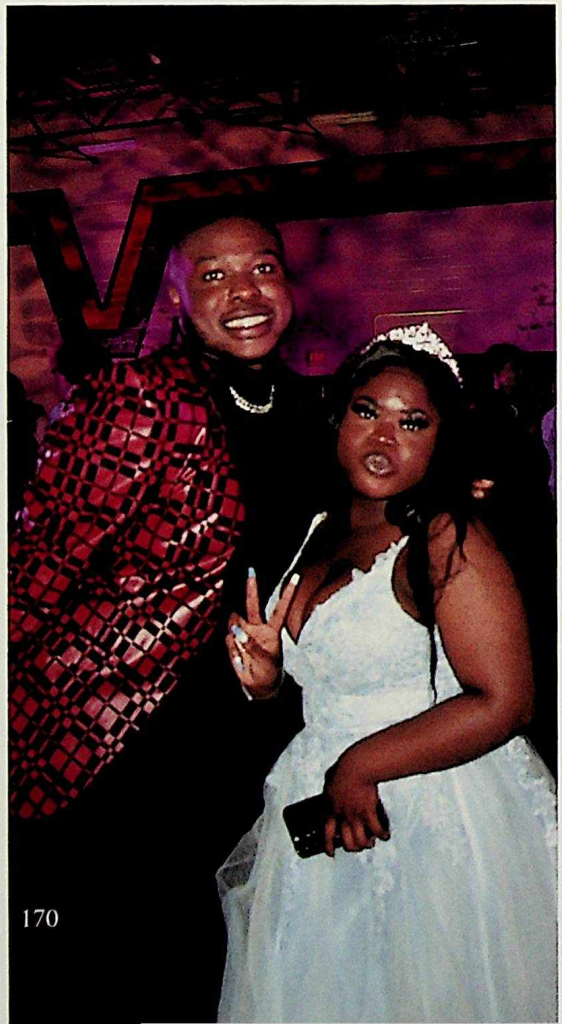
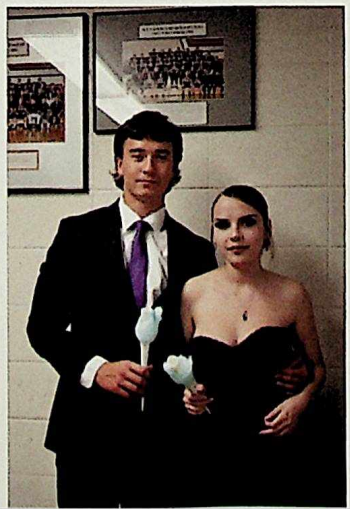


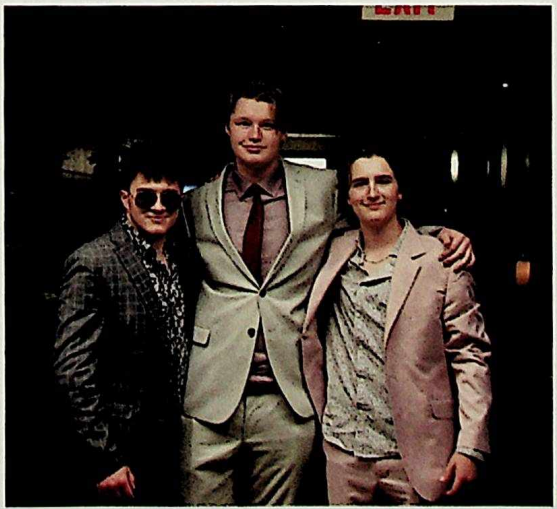
Somehow you'll escape
all that waiting and staying
You'll find the bright places
where Boom Bands are playing.

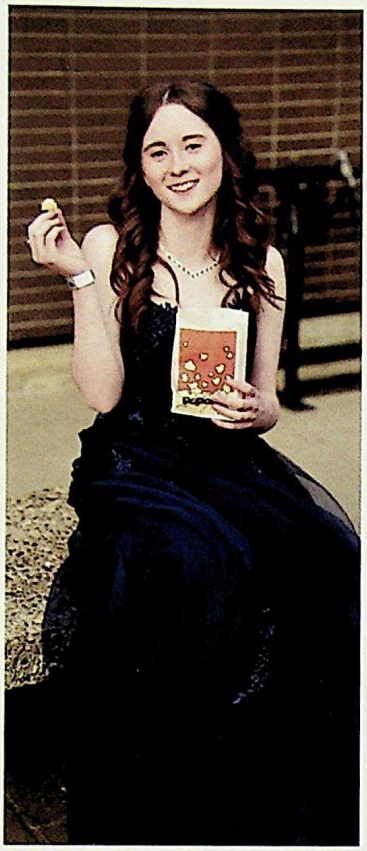
With banner flip-flapping,
once more you'll ride high!
Ready for anything under the sky.
Ready because you're that kind of
a guy!

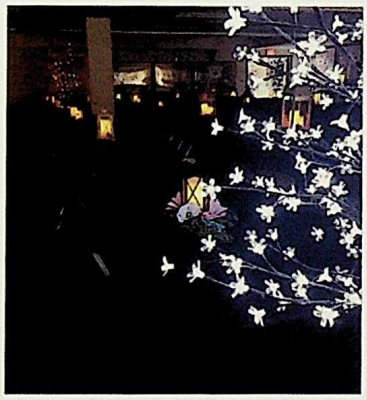


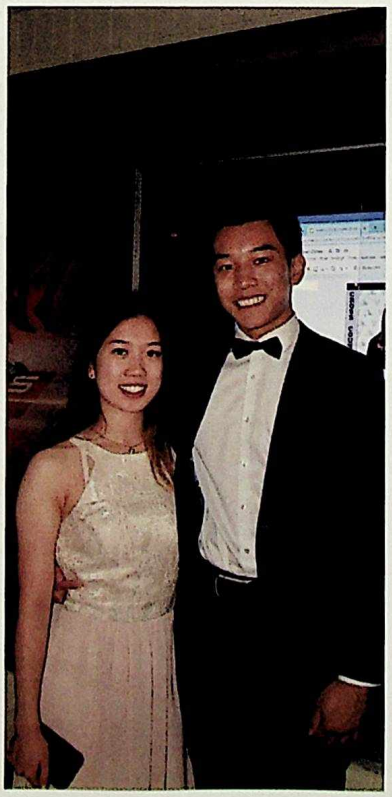










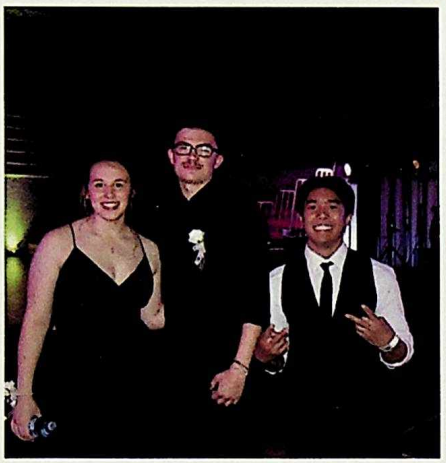


Oh, the places you'll go! There is
fun to be done!
There are points to be scored.
There are games to be won.
And the magical things you can do
with that ball
will make you the winning-est
winner of all.
Fame! You'll be as famous as
famous can be,
with the whole wide world
watching you win on TV.

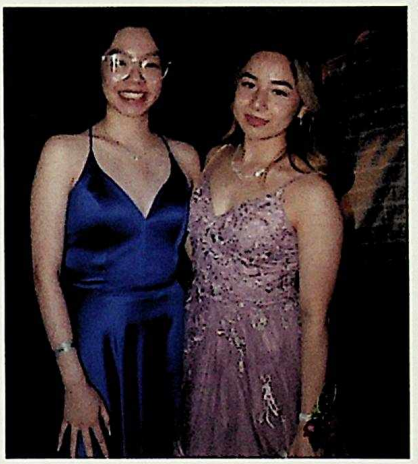
Except when they don't
Because, sometimes they won't.

I'm afraid that some times
you'll play lonely games too.
Games you can't win
'cause you'll play against you.

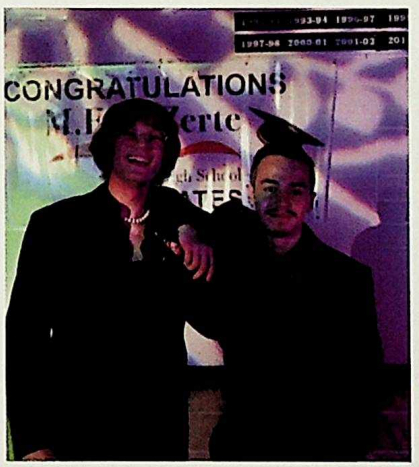
All Alone!
Whether you like it or not,
Alone will be something
you'll be quite a lot.

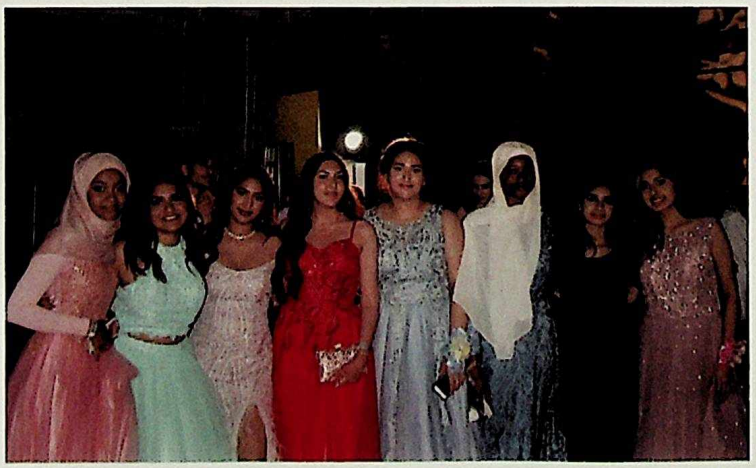


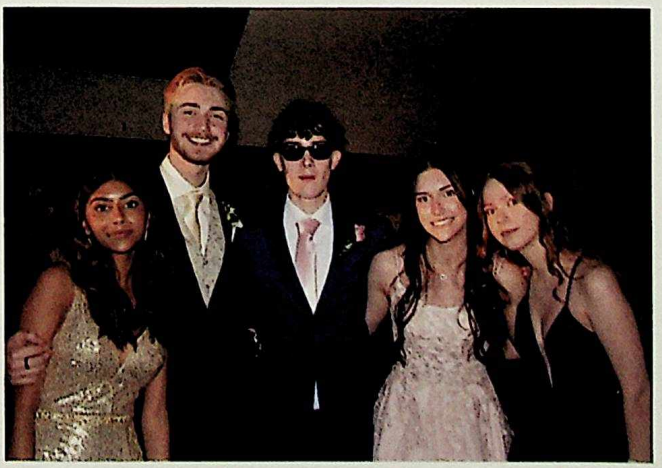
And when you're alone, there's a
very good chance
you'll meet things that scare you
right out of your pants.
There are some, down the road
between hither and yon,
that can scare you so much you
won't want to go on.

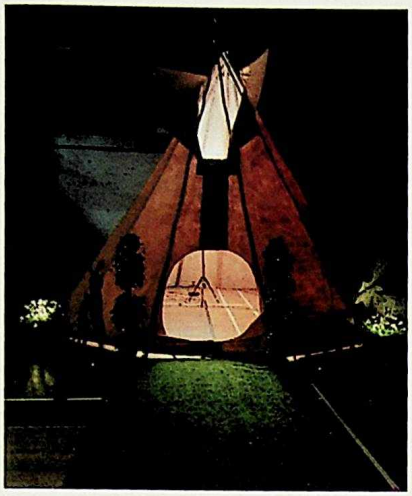


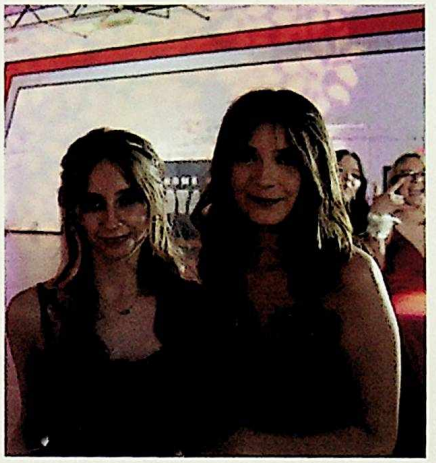
But on you will go
though the weather be foul.
On you will go
though your enemies prowl.
On you will go
though the Hakken-Kraks howl.
Onward up many
a frightening creek,
though your arms may get sore
and your sneakers may leak.





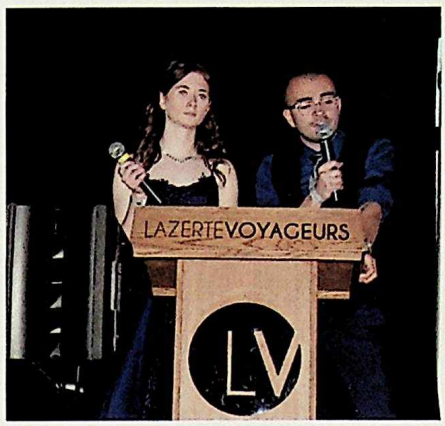






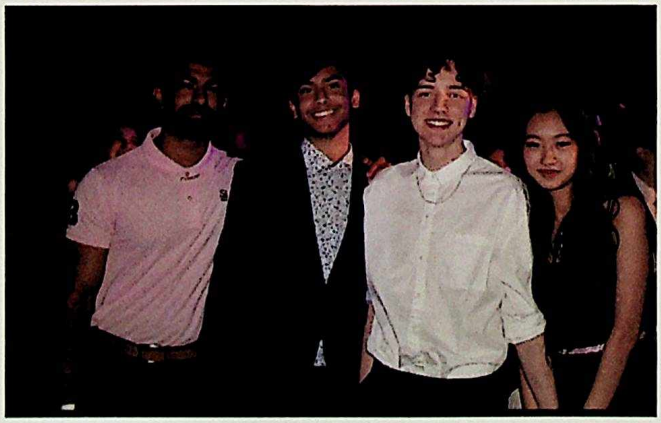
On and on you will hike,
And I know you'll hike far
and face up to your problems
whatever they are.

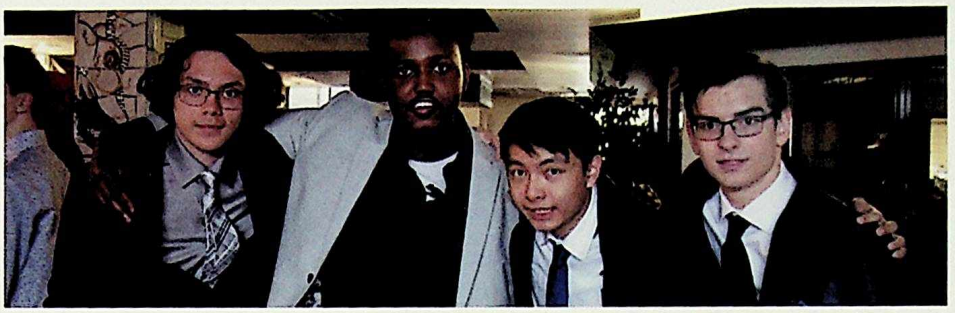
You'll get mixed up, of course,
as you already know.
You'll get mixed up
with many strange birds as you go.
So be sure when you step.
Step with care and great tact
and remember that Life's
a Great Balancing Act.
Just never foget to be dexterous and deft.
And never mix up your right foot with your left.

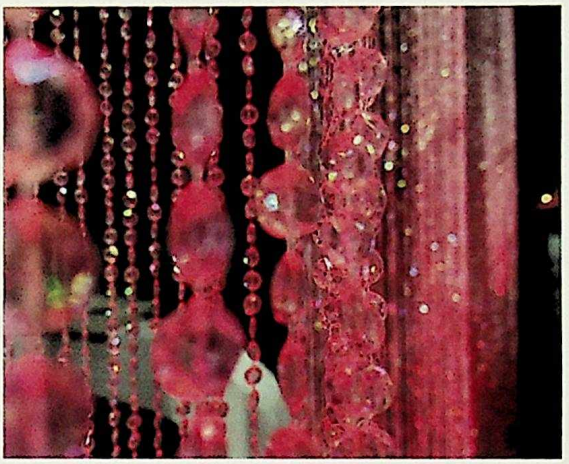


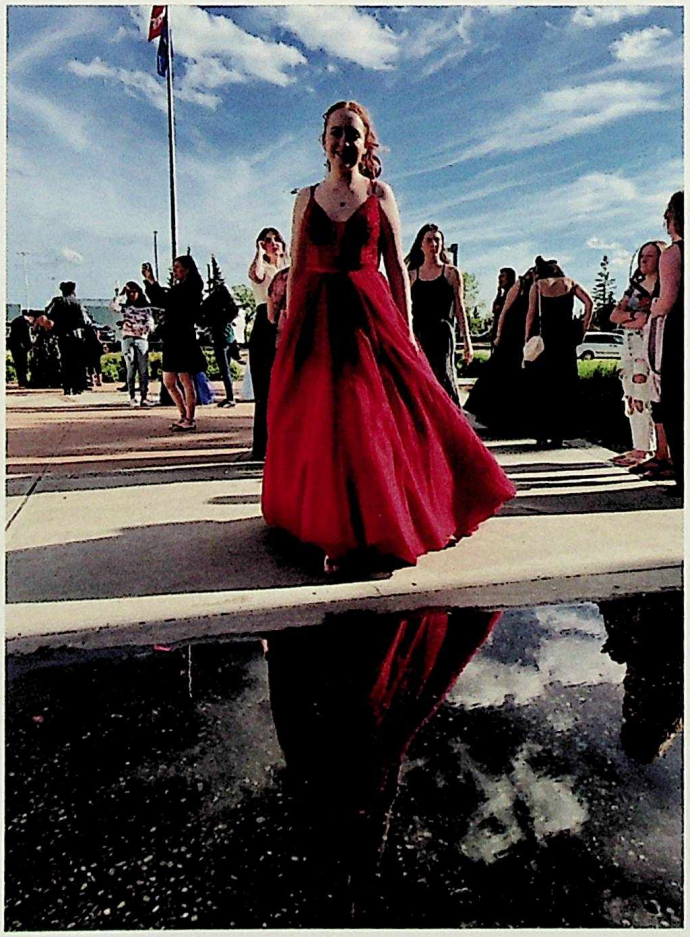
And will you succeed?
Yes! You will, indeed!
(98 and 3/4 percent
guaranteed.)

KID, YOU'LL MOVE
MOUNTAINS!









So...
be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray
or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea,
You're off the Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So...get on your way!

~Dr Seuss

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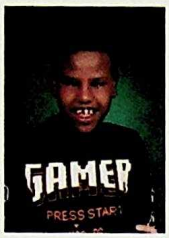

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YEARBOOK

For the first year back after Covid, getting the yearbook up and running was quite a feat. We started with about a dozen students, but by the time the year finished, we were down to three students and a teacher. The three girls who stuck it out for the whole year - Sydney Ma, Joey Yee and Stacey Yee - worked tirelessly to bring a 2021-22 yearbook that captured the essence of M.E. LaZerte, and showed the transition from strict Covid rules to something that looked a bit more 'normal.

We hope you enjoy looking back at the events from this year, and that you buy a yearbook for 2022-23. We promise it will be even better!

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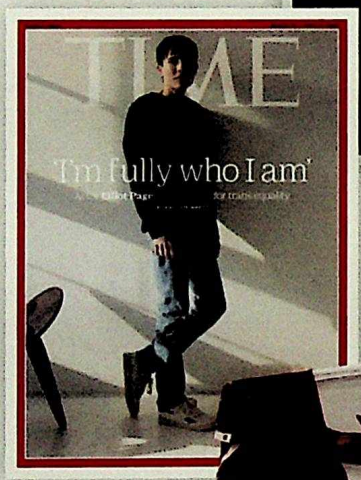

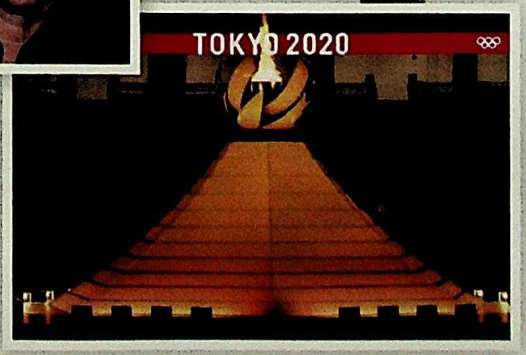

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TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

September 30 marked Canada's first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a new annual holiday honouring the victims and survivors of Canada's residential school system. A bill proposing the holiday was first put forth in 2020 and was approved by Parliament just days after the discovery of an unmarked gravesite at a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C.

ONE VERY HOT SUMMER

A "perfect storm" of environmental factors combined with man-made climate change were believed to be behind a series of approximately 1,600 wildfires that spread across British Columbia last summer. The largest of the fires, north of Kamloops, burned roughly 70,000 hectares of land alone. Several towns were evacuated, and the provincial government declared a state of emergency in July. Hundreds of residents died in the accompanying heat wave. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Darryl Dyck

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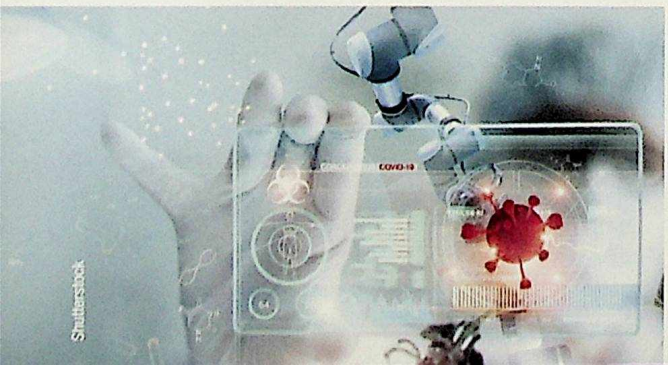
ENVIRONMENTAL VICTORY

On his first day in office, U.S. President Joe Biden revoked a crucial permit for the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, which would have seen roughly 1,900 kilometres of oil pipe laid from Alberta to Nebraska—a highly controversial project that had been on the books for a decade. As a result, in June, the pipeline's sponsor, TC Energy, cancelled the project, to the delight of environmentalists and Indigenous leaders whose land would have been affected.

THE ONGOING PANDEMIC

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued into a second year, vaccines gained widespread traction in 2021. In the spring, the fast-spreading Delta variant caused a new wave of the pandemic just as many businesses, schools, and public spaces were hoping to reopen, while Omicron did the same in the fall, though with less fatal results. By early 2022, more than 3.3 million cases of COVID-19 had been reported in Canada, along with more than 37,000 deaths.



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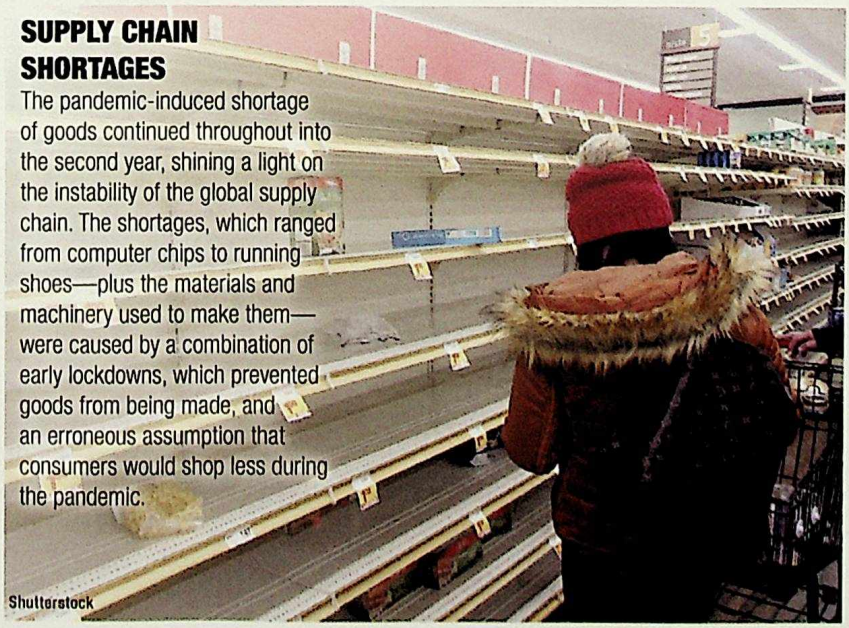
SUPPLY CHAIN SHORTAGES

The pandemic-induced shortage of goods continued throughout into the second year, shining a light on the instability of the global supply chain. The shortages, which ranged from computer chips to running shoes—plus the materials and machinery used to make them—were caused by a combination of early lockdowns, which prevented goods from being made, and an erroneous assumption that consumers would shop less during the pandemic.



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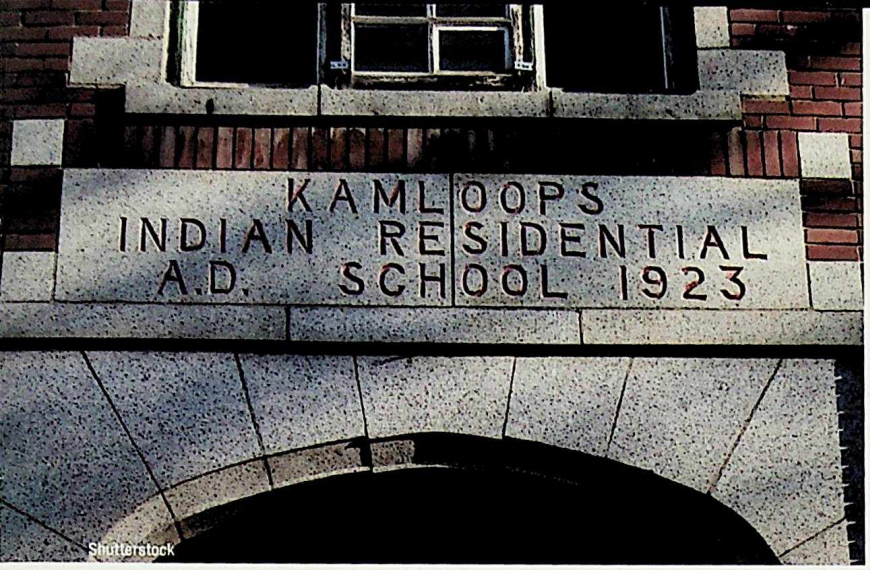

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NOT FORGOTTEN

For decades, unmarked graves containing the remains of Indigenous children have been identified at the sites of former Indian residential schools. The topic however gained renewed prominence with several new discoveries made in 2021, when an anthropologist found 215 such graves at the site of a former school in Kamloops, B.C. Additional searches led by various First Nations are currently underway.

WATER CRISIS

Residents of the Nunavut town of Iqaluit were without potable water for two months during the fall of 2021, after their tap water was contaminated with fuel from a tank buried near the town's treatment plant. It wasn't the first time the tank had contaminated the water supply. In January 2022, fuel from the tank once again leaked into the town's water supply.

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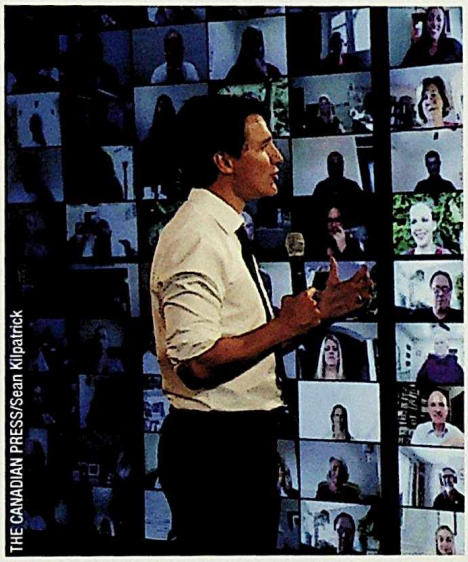
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FEDERAL ELECTION

Though Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had hoped to win a majority for his reigning Liberal party when he called a federal election in August—less than two years after the previous one—he still came up 14 seats short of winning a majority. In the September 2021 election, Trudeau lost the popular vote to the Conservatives. Though Conservative leader Erin O'Toole won the popular vote, he was later ousted from the party in February following a leadership review.

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RACIALLY MOTIVATED ATTACK

In June 2021, four members of a Muslim Pakistani family from London, Ontario, were killed and one injured when 20-year-old Nathaniel Veltman seemingly drove his pickup onto a curb and ran the family down. The police called it an Islamophobia-motivated attack. It was the deadliest mass killing in the city's history. Veltman was charged with four counts of first-degree murder, one count of attempted murder, as well as terror charges, and is currently awaiting trial.

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FREEDOM CONVOY

On January 22, 2022, several convoys of transport trucks and other vehicles from across Canada made their way to Ottawa, protesting regulations barring unvaccinated drivers from crossing the Canada–U.S. border, among other government mandates. While the convoy's activities were centered in and around Parliament Hill, trucks also blocked access to the Ambassador Bridge at the Windsor-Detroit border and created traffic jams in other cities. On February 14, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau evoked the Emergencies Act, allowing police to make arrests and remove vehicles.

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PUTIN INVADES UKRAINE

In February 2022, Russian president Vladimir Putin launched a military invasion of neighbouring Ukraine in an attempt to reintegrate the country into something resembling the former Soviet Union, while also preventing democratic nations from encircling Russia. As foreign powers grappled with how to respond, the Ukrainian people put up a significant resistance, seemingly to Putin's surprise.

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DESMOND TUTU DIES

In December 2021, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the anti-apartheid, and human rights activist, died from persistent infection due to prostate cancer at the age of 90. Tutu won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his anti-apartheid actions and became archbishop—the highest position in Africa's Anglican church—of Cape Town in 1986. At Tutu's request, his body was displayed in an inexpensive pine coffin before being aquamated, a cremation-like process that emits less carbon dioxide.

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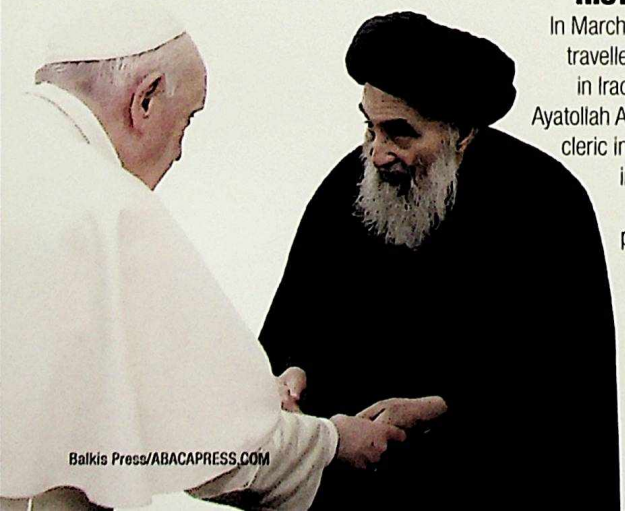
TV ROYALTY

More than 30 million viewers around the world tuned in March 2021 as Oprah Winfrey hosted a tell-all interview with two former senior members of the British royal family, Harry and Meghan. Over the course of an hour and a half, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex covered a wide range of topics, including their marriage, Meghan's mental health struggles, and how her sister-in-law, the Duchess of Cambridge, made her cry. In one of the most explosive revelations from the interview, the Duchess said that a member of the royal family made racist comments about their then unborn son.



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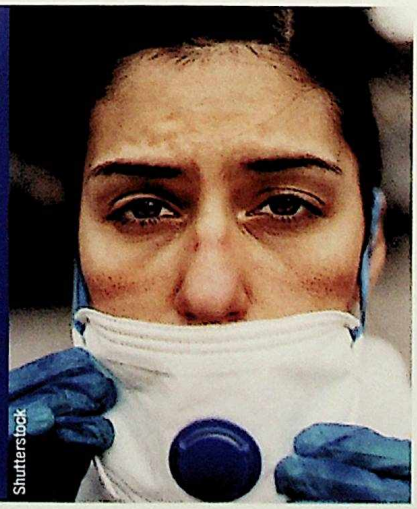
HISTORIC MEETING

In March 2021, Pope Francis travelled to the city of Najaf in Iraq to meet with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, a senior cleric in Shia Islam. Francis, in the first ever papal visit to Iraq, urged peaceful coexistence between Muslims and Christians, a sentiment al-Sistani echoed to the people of Iraq following the historic meeting.

END ON THE HORIZON

By early 2022, 448 million cases of COVID-19 had been reported worldwide, leaving roughly six million dead. New variants continued to present themselves throughout the pandemic's second year, though the lesser severity of the Omicron variant gave some hope that a return to normal might be around the corner—but the pandemic's constant, unexpected surprises, still leave many guessing.



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DIRE CLIMATE CRISIS

In February, a scientific report commissioned by the United Nations stated that climate change was now happening so fast that it would soon be impossible for humans and nature to adapt, unless countries committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions very soon. If nothing was done, the report said, severe weather conditions already taking place across the planet would continue and worsen, displacing people on a global scale.

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JUBILEE FOR A QUEEN

On February 6, 2022, England's Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her platinum jubilee, marking 70 years on the throne. While the queen spent the actual anniversary quietly, a cumulative celebration is planned for June. It was the first platinum jubilee ever celebrated by a British monarch. Sadly, the queen was not able to share the celebration with her husband, Prince Phillip, who died at the age of 99 in April 2021, just a few months shy of his 100th birthday.

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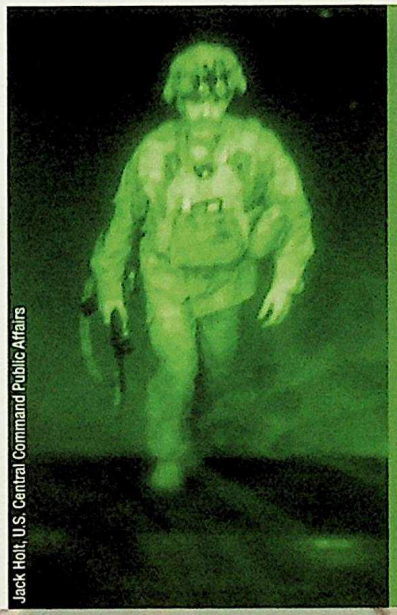
A CONFLICT CONTINUES

Tensions rose in the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict in May 2021, when protests broke out in East Jerusalem over an expected supreme court decision to evict several Palestinian families in Sheikh Jarrah. Subsequently, a violent outbreak that lasted several weeks broke out. A ceasefire eventually took hold, but the situation led to protests around the world as foreign leaders called for de-escalation.



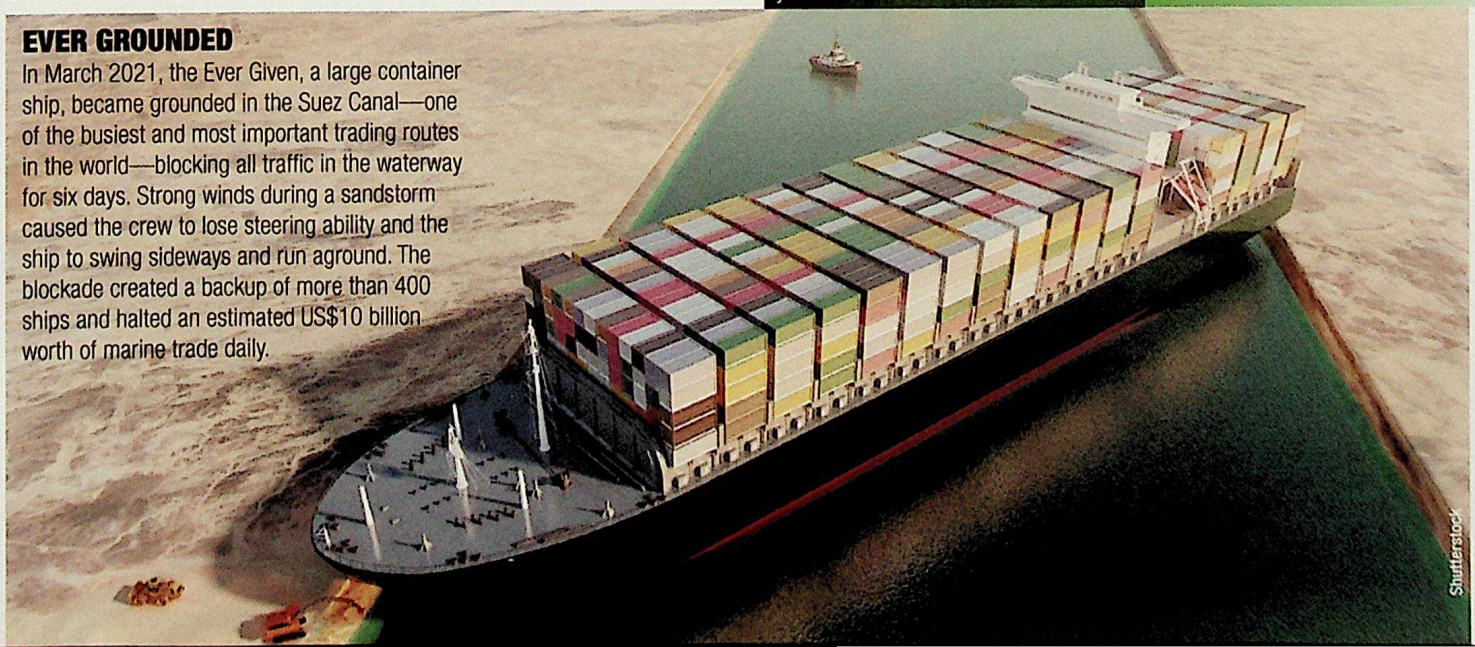
Jack Holt, U.S. Central Command Public Affairs

NO WAR, NO PEACE

After 20 years, President Biden ended what he called "America's longest war" when he pulled troops out of Afghanistan in August 2021. While the presence of U.S. soldiers in the country had been criticised for years, Biden was still condemned for what many saw as an abandonment of the Afghan people, especially as scenes of citizens clinging to U.S. evacuation planes were broadcast around the world. The Taliban quickly regained control of the country, and Biden admitted that the U.S. had proven unable to transform the region.

EVER GROUNDED

In March 2021, the Ever Given, a large container ship, became grounded in the Suez Canal—one of the busiest and most important trading routes in the world—blocking all traffic in the waterway for six days. Strong winds during a sandstorm caused the crew to lose steering ability and the ship to swing sideways and run aground. The blockade created a backup of more than 400 ships and halted an estimated US$10 billion worth of marine trade daily.



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THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP, Jeopardy!

THE LATE ALEX TREBEK, beloved host of Jeopardy! left big shoes to fill. After several weeks of try-outs to select his successor, it was announced that the new host was one of the show's producers, Mike Richards, rather than the highly touted Mayim Bialik or fan favourite LeVar Burton. However, Richards never got to officially take the helm after multiple reports of past controversy surfaced. Now, more than a year after Trebek's death, everyone's favourite game show is still without a permanent host.

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BIG MONEY, BIG VIEWERSHIP

Squid Game, Netflix's South Korean drama that combines *The Hunger Games* with *Shark Tank*, was television's latest pandemic guilty pleasure. The show, in which several hundred debt-ridden players compete in a series of deadly games for a chance to win big money, was so critically beloved when it launched in September that it quickly became Netflix's most-watched series in 94 countries.

SIGNING OFF

Consummate professional that she was, beloved TV actress Betty White left her fans wanting more, passing away in December, just weeks shy of her 100th birthday and all the anticipated celebrations that were to come with it. Other TV celebrities who died in 2021 included broadcaster Larry King, Ed Asner (*Mary Tyler Moore, Elf*), Michael K. Williams (*The Wire*), Jessica Walter (*Arrested Development*), while comedian Bob Saget (*Full House*) died earlier this year in January.

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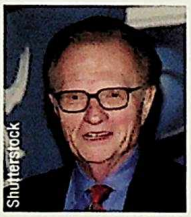

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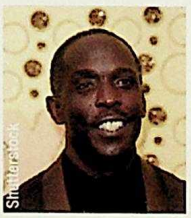

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TOP 10

STREAMED TV SHOWS OF 2021

1. Lucifer (NETFLIX)
2. Squid Game (NETFLIX)
3. The Great British Baking Show (NETFLIX)
4. Virgin River (NETFLIX)
5. Bridgerton (NETFLIX)
6. You (NETFLIX)
7. Cobra Kai (NETFLIX)
8. The Crown (NETFLIX)
9. Longmire (NETFLIX)
10. The Handmaid's Tale (HULU)

2021 EMMY AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Actress in a Comedy: Jean Smart (Hacks)

Outstanding Actor in a Comedy: Jason Sudeikis (Ted Lasso)

Outstanding Actor in a Drama: Josh O'Connor (The Crown)

Outstanding Actress in a Drama: Olivia Colman (The Crown)

Outstanding Comedy: Ted Lasso

Outstanding Drama: The Crown

Outstanding Variety Talk Series: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver

#BRITNEYFREED

In November, pop star Britney Spears was released from an involuntary conservatorship that had placed multiple restrictions on her personal and professional life for nearly 14 years. A #FreeBritney movement gained traction in recent years, thanks in part to the Framing Britney Spears documentary, and as stories of various types of abuse toward Spears by her conservators, primarily her father, began circulating, and as Spears grew more vocal about her displeasure with the arrangement.

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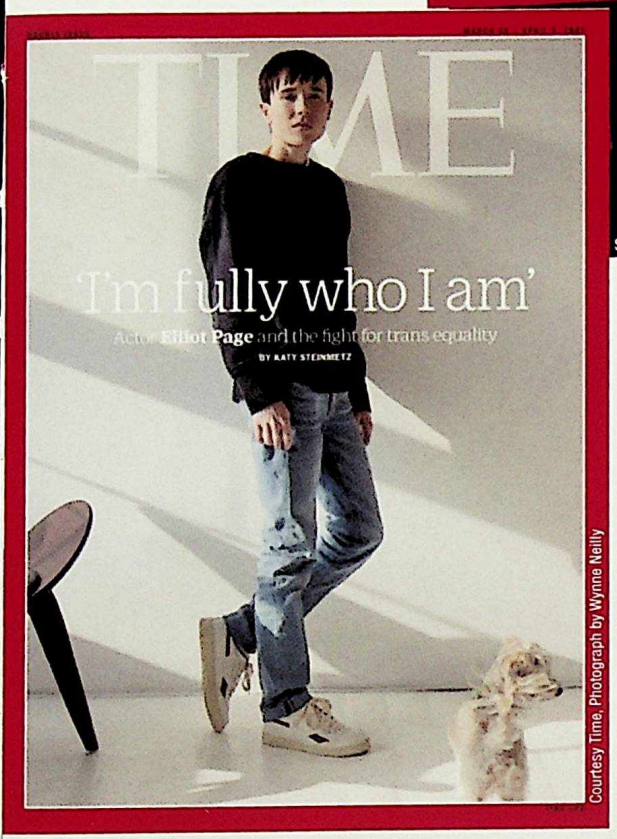


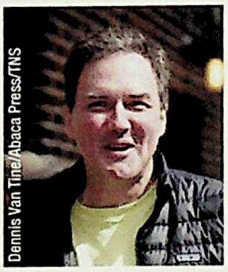
Courtesy Time, Photograph by Wynne Neilly

BECAUSE IT WAS TIME

Elliot Page became the first trans man to appear on the cover of Time magazine in March 2021. The actor formerly known as Ellen Page came out as transgender in 2020. In the accompanying story, Page's first major interview since announcing his new gender identity, the actor said he was finally letting himself "fully become who I am."

FOND FAREWELLS

Comedy fans were shocked in September to learn of the death of Norm Macdonald. The former star of *Saturday Night Live* and *The Norm Show*, was revealed to have been living with cancer for many years, something many of his closest friends were unaware of. Other celebrities who died this year included Siegfried of the Las Vegas magic act *Siegfried and Roy*, children's author Beverly Cleary (*Ramona Quimby, Age 8*), and New Journalism architect Joan Didion (*Slouching Towards Bethlehem*).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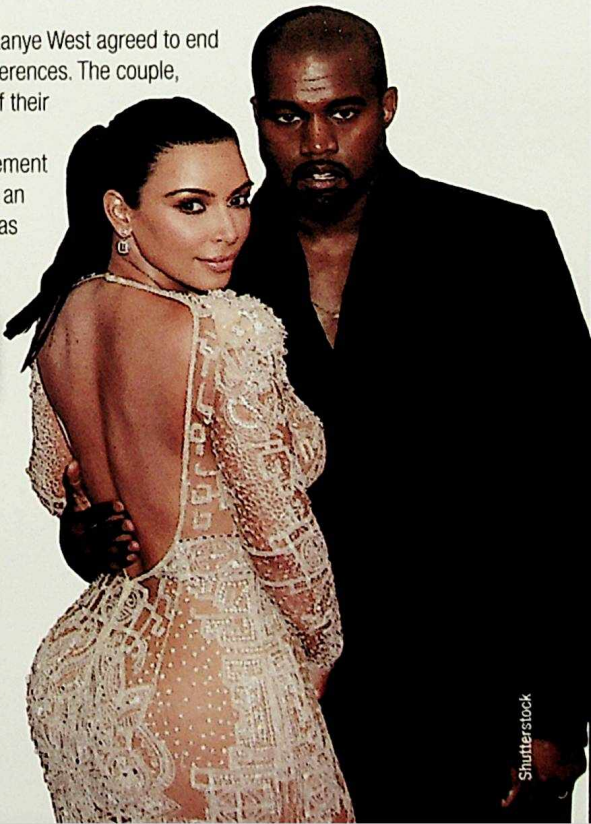
TROUBLE IN PARADISE

Media personality Kim Kardashian and singer Kanye West agreed to end their marriage in 2021, citing irreconcilable differences. The couple, who married in 2014, agreed to joint custody of their four children, and neither star sought financial support from the other. Despite this initial agreement of terms, in February, Kardashian petitioned for an expedited divorce proceeding, claiming West was refusing to accept that the marriage was over. The split became official in March.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TOP TRENDING YOUTUBE VIDS OF 2021

1. *"I Spent 50 Hours Buried Alive" — MrBeast*
2. *"Minecraft Speedrunner VS 5 Hunters" — Dream*
3. *"Glitterbomb Trap Catches Phone Scammer (who gets arrested)" — Mark Rober*
4. *The Weeknd's Full Pepsi Super Bowl LV Halftime Show" — NFL*
5. *"Friday Night Funkin' Keeps Getting Better and Better (Part 2)" — CoryKenshin*

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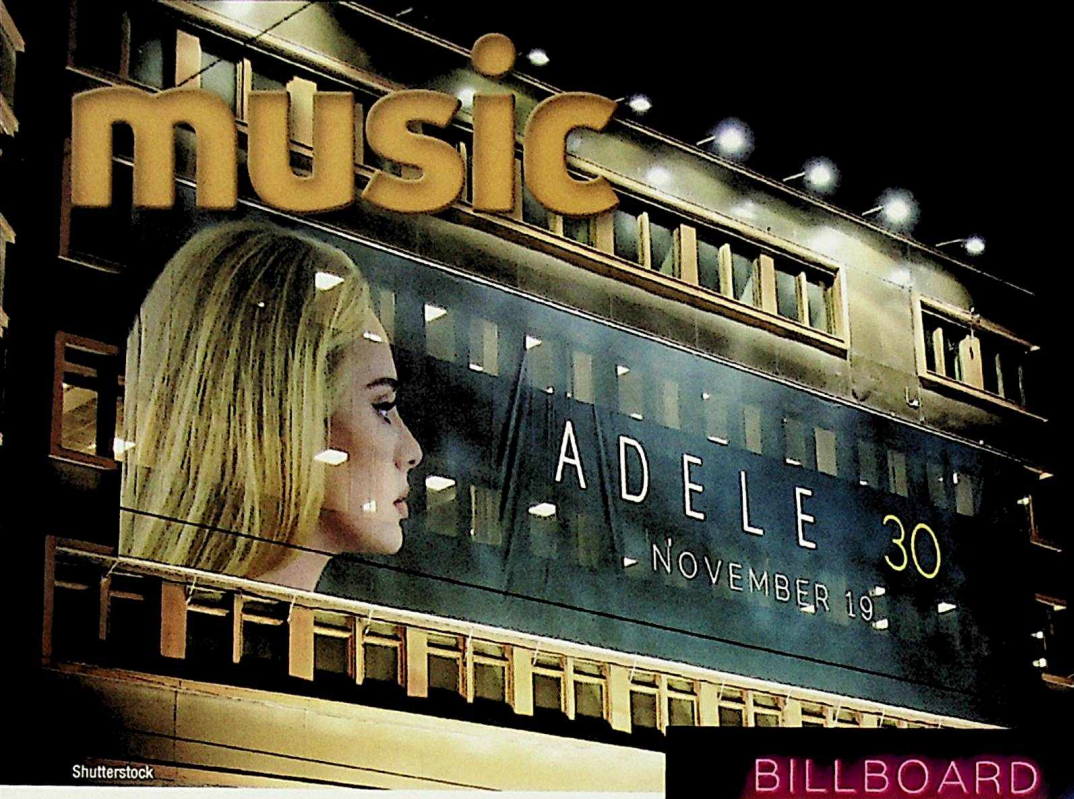

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LET'S GET PHYSICAL

Singer Adele's *30* ended 2021 as the year's most successful album, selling nearly 1.51 million units in the U.S.—many of which were physical copies. It was the first album to surpass the 1.5 million mark since Taylor Swift's *Folklore* in 2020. Not to be outdone entirely, Swift's rerecording of her 2012 album, *Red*, sold 1.2 million copies—114,000 on physical vinyl, the highest number of vinyl units sold since 1991.

NO ENCORE

Ten people were killed at a Travis Scott concert in Houston in November, when a crowd of fans pushed toward the stage during the singer's performance. Scott was appearing as part of his Astroworld Festival, an annual event dating back to 2018. Hundreds of attendees in the 50,000-strong audience were also injured in the crowd crush.

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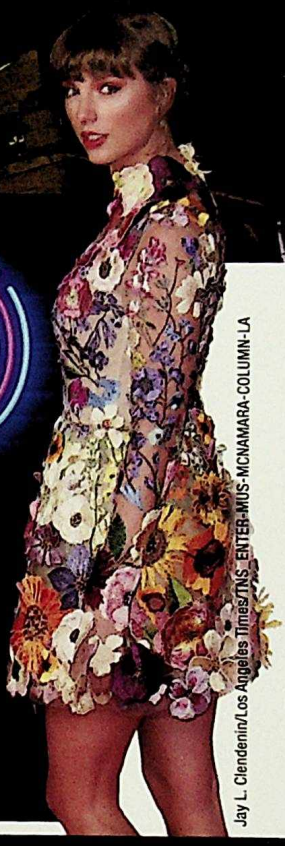
BILLBOARD TOP 10

1. *Evermore* – TAYLOR SWIFT
2. *Folklore* – TAYLOR SWIFT
3. *BE* – BTS
4. *Sour* – OLIVIA RODRIGO
5. *Fearless* (TAYLOR'S VERSION) – TAYLOR SWIFT
6. *Fine Line* – HARRY STYLES
7. *Starting Over* – CHRIS STAPLETON
8. *Happier Than Ever* – BILLIE EILISH
9. *Power Up* – AC/DC
10. *Greatest Hits* — QUEEN


Jay L. Clendenin/Los Angeles Times/TNS, ENTER-MUS-MCNAMARA-COLUMN-LA

PAY TO PLAY

Music has often been stored on a device, usually the phone in our pocket or purse, but a lot of it, ok most of it, was either downloaded or streamed from somewhere. What did you use?

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Spotify Premium Family (Canada) $15.99/mo.	Apple Music Family (Canada) $14.99/mo.	Amazon Music Family (Canada) $12.99/mo.	YouTube Music Family (Canada) $14.99/mo.
Spotify Premium Student (US) $4.99/mo.	Apple Music Student (US) $4.99/mo.	Amazon Music Student (US) $6.49/mo.	YouTube Music Individual (US) $11.99/mo.
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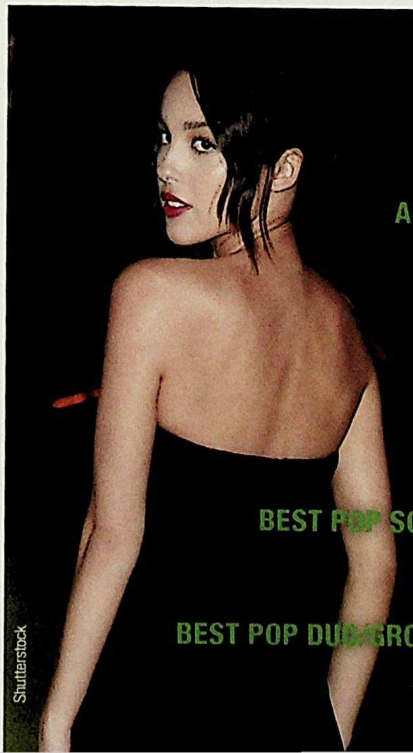
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2022 GRAMMY AWARD WINNERS

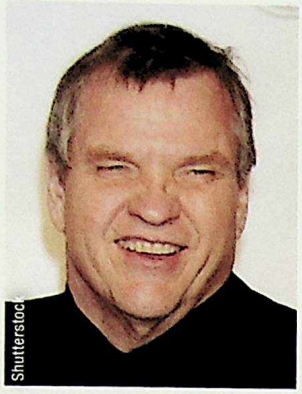
ALBUM OF THE YEAR:
We are
(Jon Batiste)

SONG OF THE YEAR:
Leave the Door Open
(Silk Sonic)

BEST NEW ARTIST:
(Olivia Rodrigo)

BEST POP SOLO PERFORMANCE:
Drivers License
(Olivia Rodrigo)

BEST POP DUO/GROUP PERFORMANCE:
Kiss Me More
(Doja Cat feat. SZA)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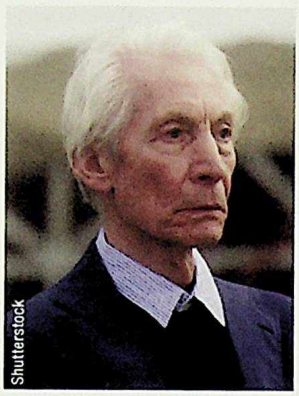
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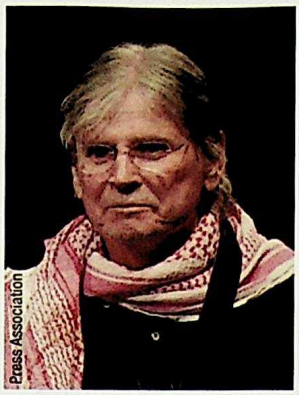
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THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED

The rock opera tones of Meat Loaf's 1977 *Bat Out of Hell* made it one of the bestselling albums of all time. The singer died from COVID-19 complications in January 2022, at the age of 74. Other music personalities who died in 2021 include Charlie Watts (Rolling Stones), Don Everly (The Everly Brothers), producer-singer Lee Scratch Perry, Michael Nesmith (The Monkees), and Ronnie Spector.

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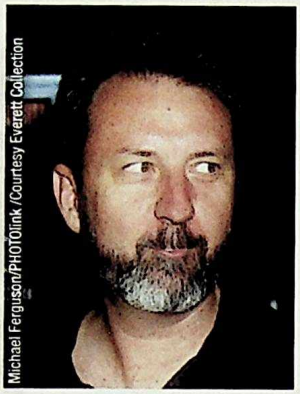
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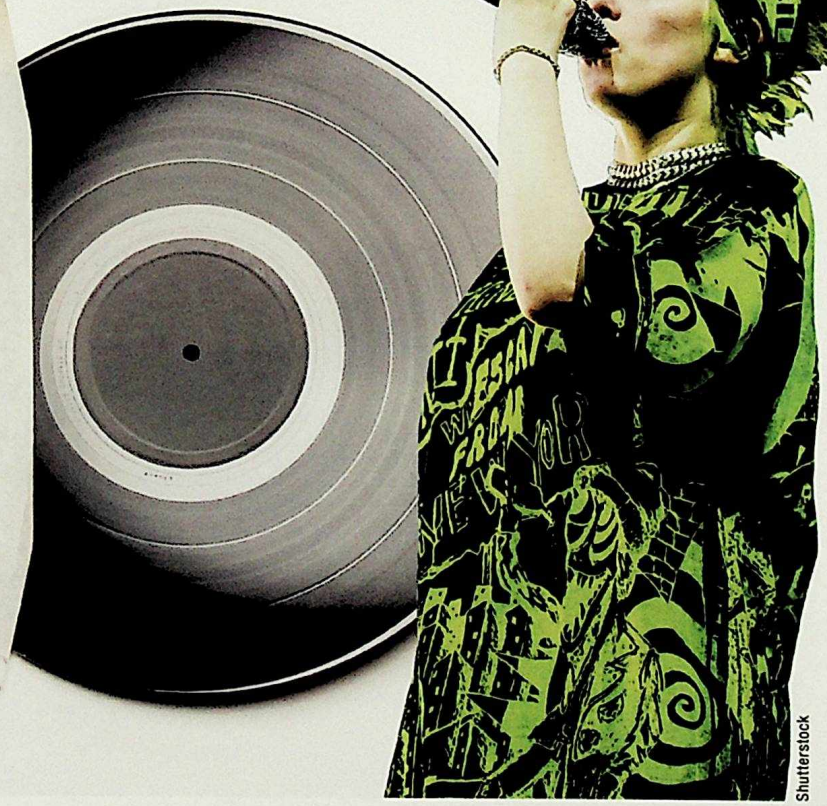
TOP 10 SELLING
VINYL ALBUMS OF 2021 IN U.S.

1. Adele, 30
2. Olivia Rodrigo, Sour
3. Taylor Swift, Red (Taylor's Version)
4. Harry Styles, Fine Line
5. Billie Eilish, Happier Than Ever
6. Taylor Swift, Evermore
7. Prince & The Revolution, Purple Rain (Soundtrack)
8. The Beatles, Abbey Road
9. Taylor Swift, Folklore
10. Kendrick Lamar, good kid, m.A.A.d city

Source: MRC Data, for the tracking period Jan. 1, 2021, through Dec. 30, 2021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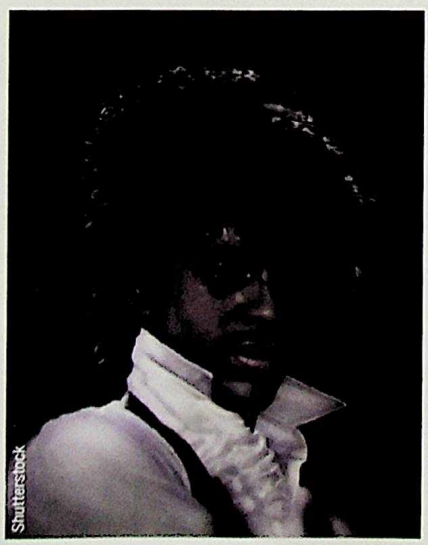
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Most Streamed Albums Globally

1.		Sour Olivia Rodrigo
2.		Future Nostalgia Dua Lipa
3.		Justice Justin Bieber
4.		= Ed Sheeran
5.		Planet Her Doja Cat

Most Streamed Songs Globally

1.		Drivers License Olivia Rodrigo
2.		Montero (Call Me By Your Name) Lil Nas X
3.		Stay (with Justin Bieber) Kid Laroi
4.		Good 4 u Olivia Rodrigo
5.		Levitating (feat DaBaby) Dua Lipa

streaming

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THE 10 MOST-WATCHED NETFLIX SERIES OF 2021

1. Squid Game season 1
2. Bridgerton season 1
3. The Witcher season 2
4. You season 3
5. Maid
6. Sex Education season 3
7. Money Heist part 5
8. Ginny & Georgia season 1
9. Lupin part 1
10. Outer Banks season 2

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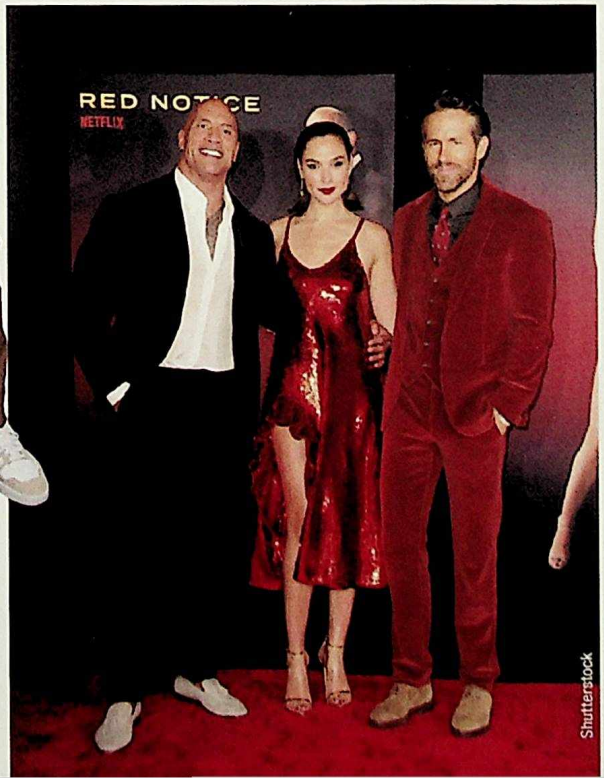
DID YOU KNOW?

Unlike television networks and cable channels, online streaming services do not have to release ratings and viewer numbers because they do not rely on advertisement revenue. Netflix, the industry's leader is especially notorious for keeping viewer numbers secret. Source: factretriever.com



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TOP 10 NETFLIX MOVIES OF 2021

1. Red Notice
2. We Can Be Heroes
3. Army of the Dead
4. Wish Dragon
5. Army of Thieves
6. The Mitchells vs. The Machines
7. Fatherhood
8. The Guilty
9. Yes Day
10. The Unforgivable

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THE FINAL FRONTIER?

In October, Facebook's parent company changed its name to Meta. CEO Mark Zuckerberg said the move signalled the business's bet on the metaverse—a fully realized and fully interactive digital world—being the next big technological frontier. Though some critics were skeptical of the change, Zuckerberg's decision to move his company beyond social media may not be unfounded. In January 2022, Meta's stock dropped 26 percent after announcing it expected weak revenue growth in the coming quarter.

APPLE STOCK+

The first day of stock trading in 2022 saw Apple mark yet another milestone when it became the first U.S. company in history to obtain a market value of $3 trillion. Apple's tech dominance has led to a meteoric rise in share price, having hit $1 trillion in 2018 and $2 trillion in 2020. While a big part of the company's value is in devices like iPhones and iPads, about half of its worth is now in services, including cloud storage, fitness apps, music distribution, and original programming.

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SOCIAL ME-DIA

Following the January 6, 2021, riots at the U.S. Capital, which many believe former president Donald Trump helped incite, Twitter permanently suspended the account @realDonaldTrump, citing a risk of further incitement and violence. Not surprisingly, Trump did not go quietly. A little over a year later, he launched Truth Social, a social media app of his own.

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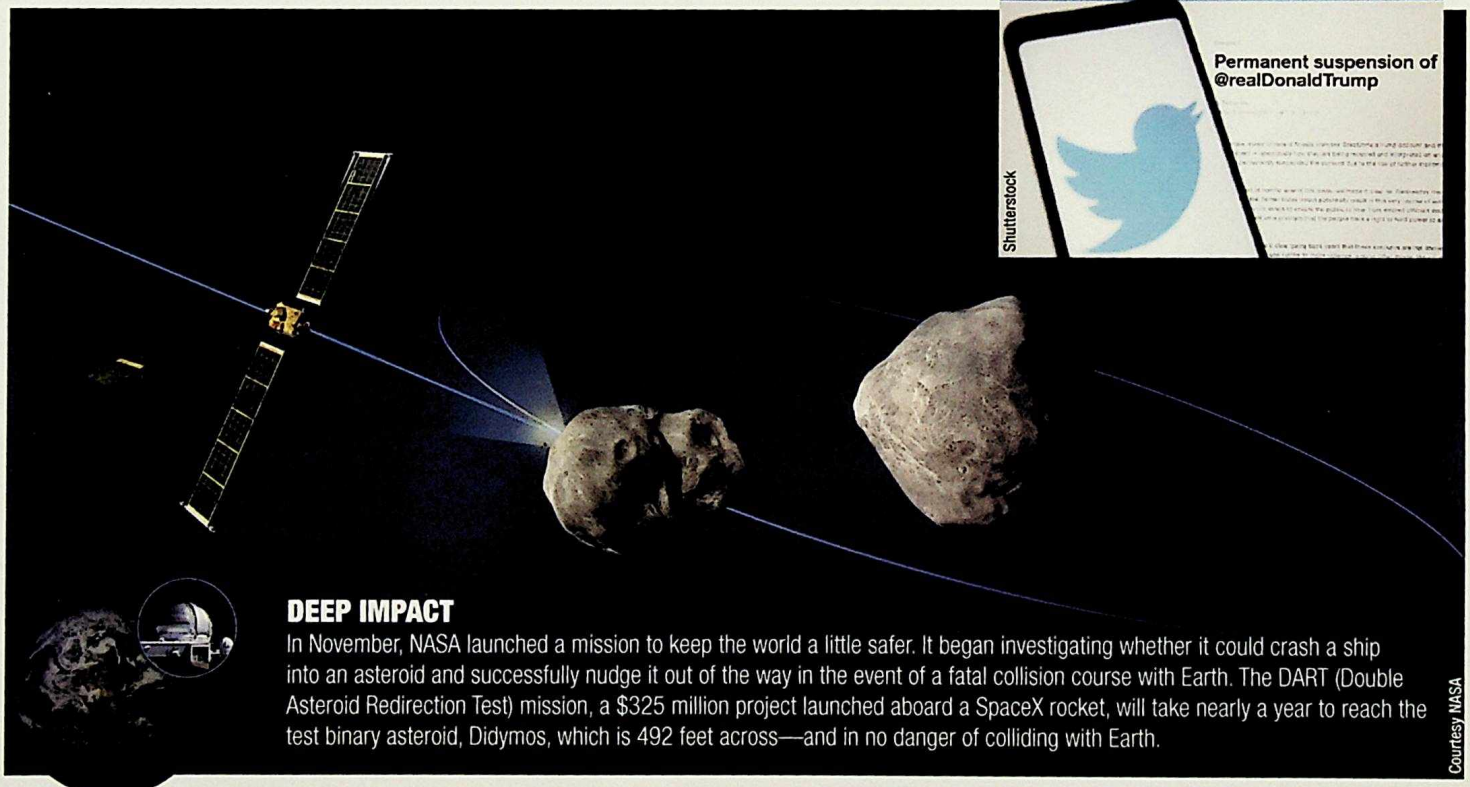


DEEP IMPACT

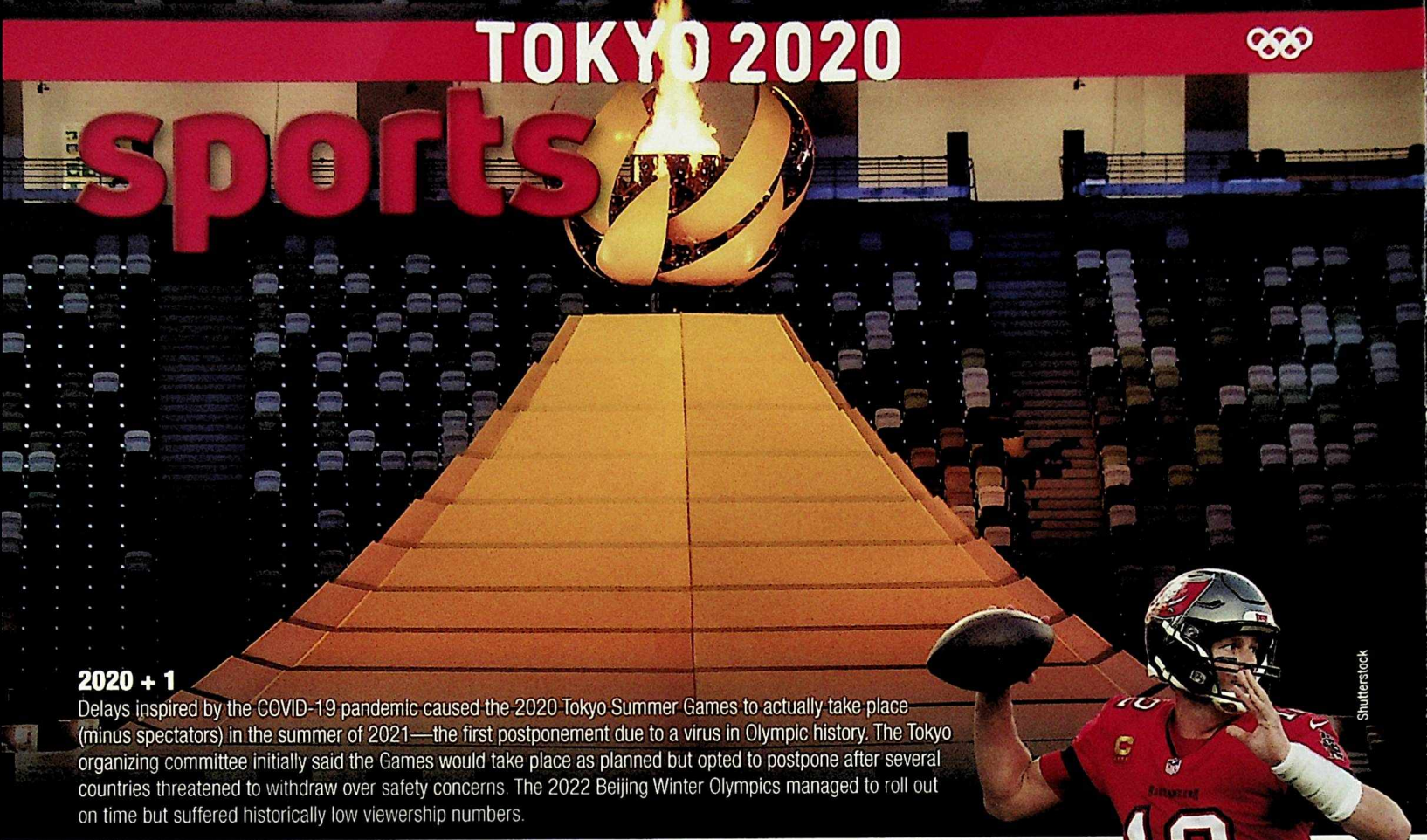
In November, NASA launched a mission to keep the world a little safer. It began investigating whether it could crash a ship into an asteroid and successfully nudge it out of the way in the event of a fatal collision course with Earth. The DART (Double Asteroid Redirection Test) mission, a $325 million project launched aboard a SpaceX rocket, will take nearly a year to reach the test binary asteroid, Didymos, which is 492 feet across—and in no danger of colliding with Earth.

Courtesy NASA

WEBSTER'S WORD OF YEAR

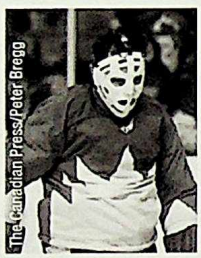
With the COVID-19 pandemic still ongoing, it was no surprise that Merriam-Webster's word of the year for 2021 was "vaccine." The dictionary company noted that searches for the word were up more than 600 percent from 2020, and more than 1,000 percent from 2019. Although the word's literal meaning is a medical term for something that defends against disease, Webster's noted that the word also presently holds meaning for an ideological conflict.

TOKYO 2020 sports



2020 + 1

Delays inspired by the COVID-19 pandemic caused the 2020 Tokyo Summer Games to actually take place (minus spectators) in the summer of 2021—the first postponement due to a virus in Olympic history. The Tokyo organizing committee initially said the Games would take place as planned but opted to postpone after several countries threatened to withdraw over safety concerns. The 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics managed to roll out on time but suffered historically low viewership numbers.



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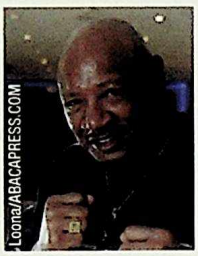

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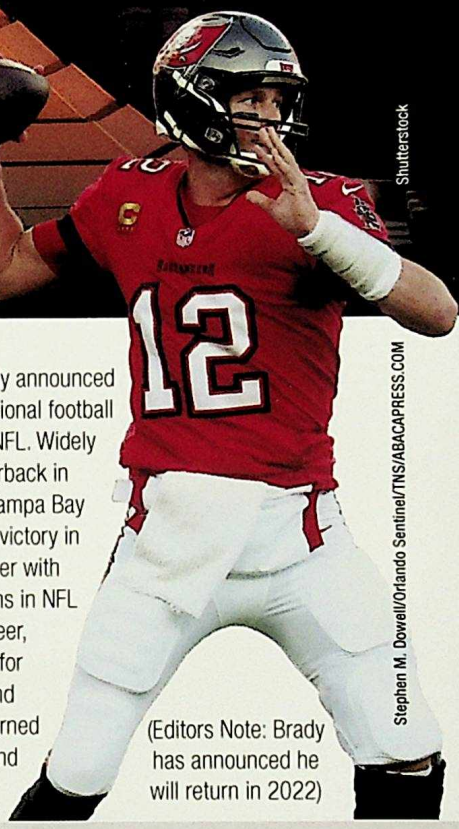
ATHLETE LOSSES

Walter Gretzky may not have realized his own youthful dreams of playing in the NHL, but some might argue he did one better by passing on his own skills and knowledge to his son Wayne and, in turn, coaching him to becoming hockey's greatest player. Other sports figures who died in 2021 include boxing middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler, NHL goaltender Tony Esposito, and Hank Aaron, one the greatest players in professional baseball history.

A SUPER CAREER

In January 2022, Tom Brady announced his retirement from professional football after 22 seasons with the NFL. Widely considered the best quarterback in the league, Brady led the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to Super Bowl victory in 2021, making him the player with the most championship wins in NFL history. Throughout his career, Brady also earned records for most touchdown passes and most passing yards and earned seven Lombardi trophies and five Super Bowl MVPs.



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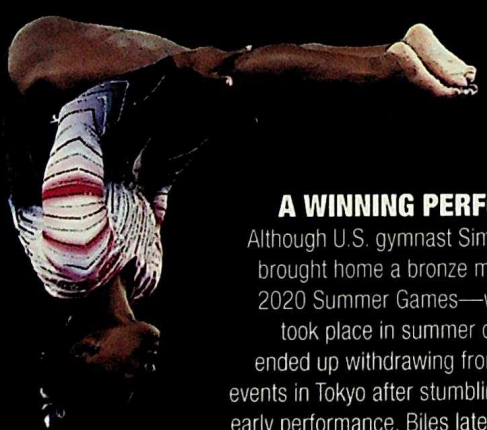
(Editors Note: Brady has announced he will return in 2022)



A WINNING PERFORMANCE

Although U.S. gymnast Simone Biles still brought home a bronze medal from the 2020 Summer Games—which actually took place in summer of 2021—she ended up withdrawing from most of her events in Tokyo after stumbling through an early performance. Biles later cited mental health issues as the cause and was widely praised for drawing attention to an issue that is largely unspoken about in a sport where athletes often are expected to put performance first.

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PLAY BALL

Major League Baseball owners voted to lock out its players in December, following the expiration of the league's current collective bargaining agreement. The lockout was finally settled in March, allowing for a slightly delayed but full season for the first time in three years after fans were forced to endure two pandemic-shortened seasons.

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movies

LEGENDS WHO LEFT US

Actor-director Sidney Poitier died in January 2022 at the age of 94. Best known for his roles in: *To Sir, With Love* and *In the Heat of the Night,* Poitier was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II and served as Bahamian ambassador to Japan. Other celebrities who died in 2021 include Christopher Plummer (*The Sound of Music*), Olympia Dukakis (*Steel Magnolias*), director Richard Donner (*Superman*), and acerbic talk show guest Charles Grodin (*Midnight Run*).

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MAJOR BOX OFFICE IS HIS REWARD

Despite the on-again, off-again status of movie theatre re-openings, Sony's latest contribution to the Marvel Cinematic Universe, *Spider-Man: No Way Home,* brought in nearly $2 billion worldwide, making it the highest-grossing movie of 2021 and the sixth highest-grossing of all time. The film—featuring actor Tom Holland in the titular role—was widely loved by critics and audiences and opened up new territory for Marvel movies by (spoiler alert) crossing over with earlier pre-MCU films.

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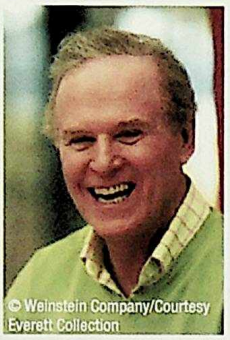
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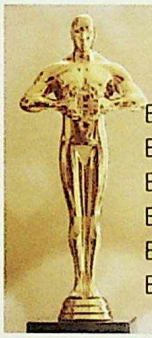
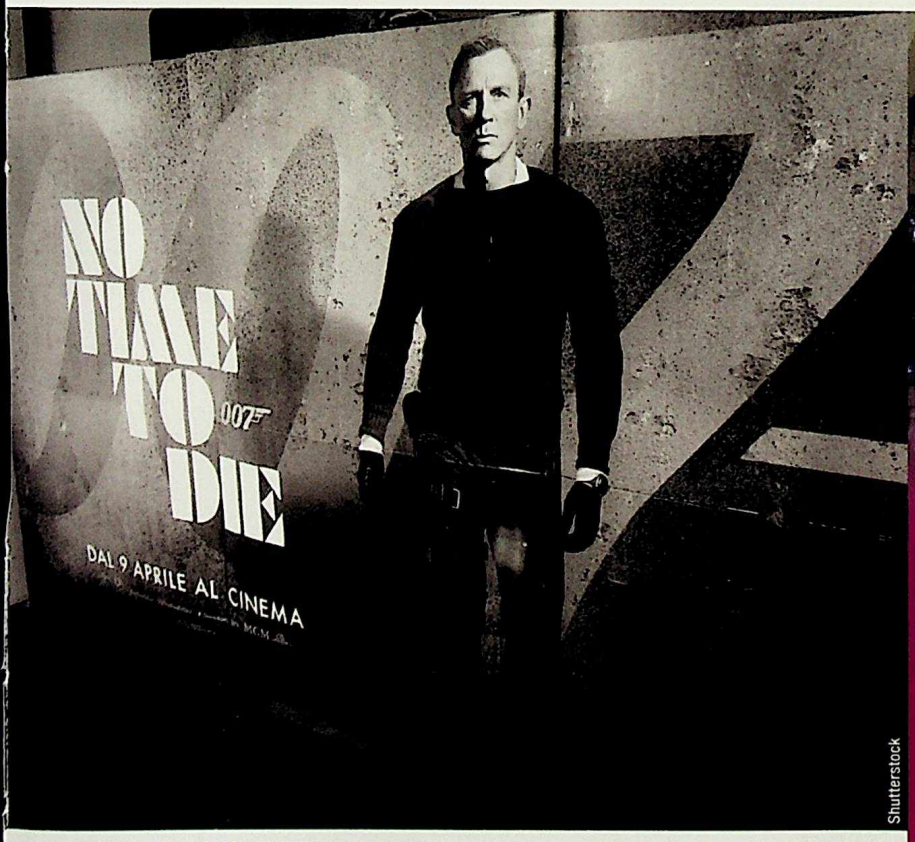


2021 ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS

Best Picture: *Nomadland*
Best Director: Chloé Zhao (*Nomadland*)
Best Actor: Anthony Hopkins (*The Father*)
Best Actress: Frances McDormand (*Nomadland*)
Best Supporting Actor: Daniel Kaluuya (*Judas and the Black Messiah*)
Best Supporting Actress: Youn Yuh-jung (*Minari*)



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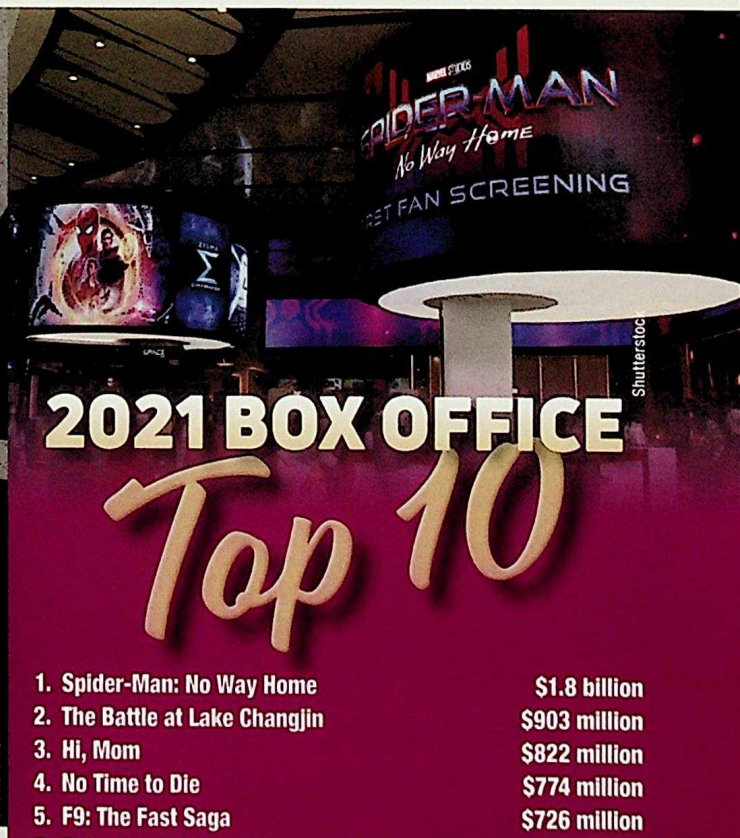
THE END OF BOND?

OVER the Course of 60 years and 25 (official) films, 007 has survived lasers, crocodiles, marriage, and countless parodies. But in *No Time to Die,* Daniel Craig's fifth and final outing in the role of James Bond, the British secret agent finally met his end, despite the movie's title. *No Time to Die's* release was postponed multiple times, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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2021 BOX OFFICE Top 10

1.	Spider-Man: No Way Home	$1.8 billion
2.	The Battle at Lake Changjin	$903 million
3.	Hi, Mom	$822 million
4.	No Time to Die	$774 million
5.	F9: The Fast Saga	$726 million
6.	Detective Chinatown 3	$686 million
7.	Venom: Let There Be Carnage	$502 million
8.	Godzilla vs. Kong	$468 million
9.	Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings	$432 million
10.	Eternals	$402 million

Lifestyle

THIS NOTE'S NO LONGER FOR YOU

In January 2022, singer-songwriter Neil Young publicly stated he would remove his music from Spotify unless the streaming service cut ties with Joe Rogan, a podcaster widely criticized for sharing misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines (and for his on-air use of the N-word). Other artists, including Joni Mitchell, David Crosby, and India.Arie, followed suit. Spotify, which has stood by the host, signed Rogan to a reported $200 million deal in 2020 that helped make it one of the leading platforms for podcasts.

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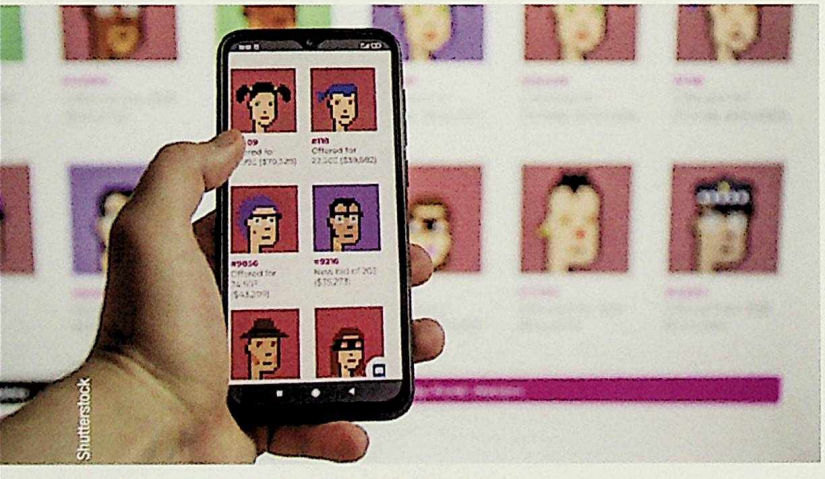
PLUGGED IN

In November, Ford announced it would increase production of electric vehicles to 600,000 units per year by 2023, placing it on the list of the top three largest producers of electric vehicles in the U.S., along with Tesla and General Motors. GM said it plans to have the capacity in North America to build 1 million EVs annually by 2025. In February 2022, Ford unseated Tesla in a Consumer Reports ranking, when its Mustang Mach-E was named the 2022 electric vehicle of the year.

Courtesy Ford



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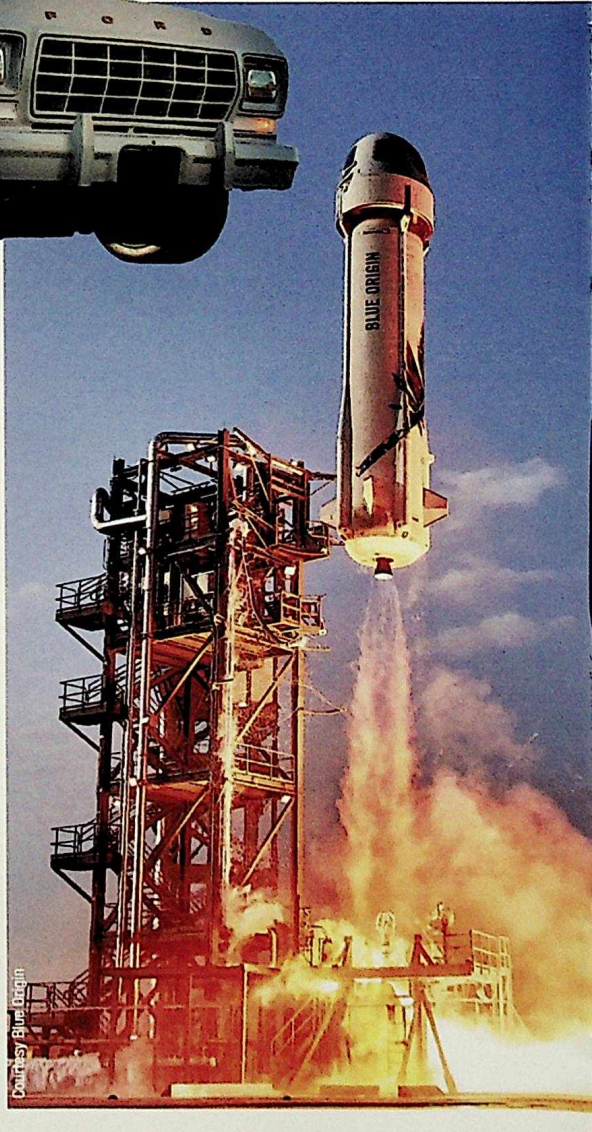
INTANGIBLE ART, TANGIBLE CASH

After skirting the edges of public consciousness for several years, NFTs—a.k.a. non-fungible tokens—entered the Zeitgeist in 2021 following several high-profile transactions. This included a collage by the artist Beeple that sold at Christie's for $69 million—the first sale of its kind at an auction house. NFTs are certified digital assets that are unique and cannot be replicated or interchanged. The market for NFTs skyrocketed over the past year, and by the end of 2021, nearly $41 billion had been spent on them, making the market for NFTs almost as valuable as the global (tangible) art market.

BLAST OFF

The race to be the richest man in space blasted off in July, when both Richard Branson (of the Virgin Group) and Jeff Bezos (founder of Amazon) both broke through the Earth's atmosphere, via their Virgin Galactic and Blue Origin space transportation companies, respectively. Blue Origin made further news in October when it transported William Shatner, *Star Trek's* Captain Kirk, into space, an experience the actor called "profound."



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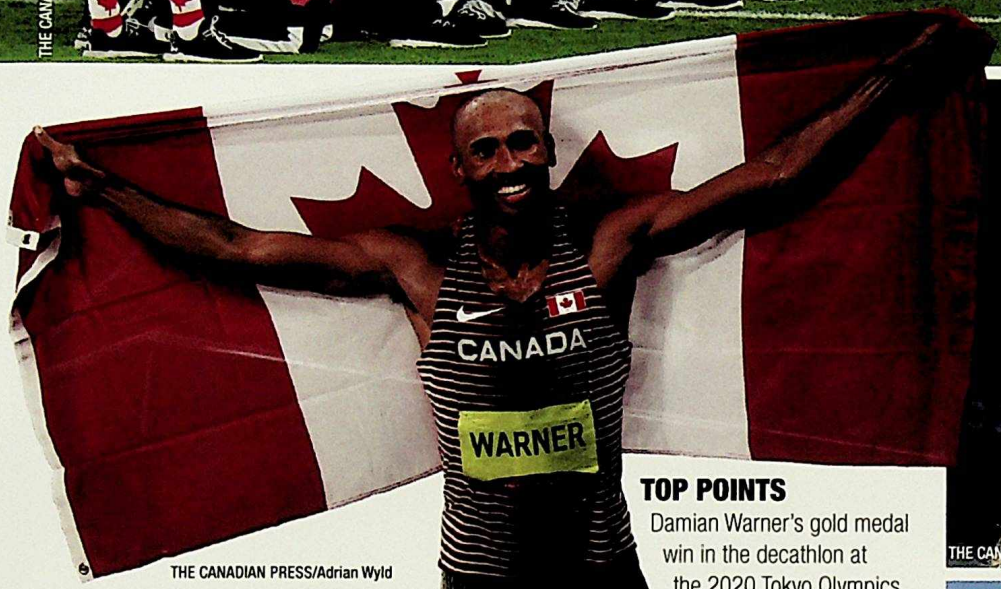
GOING FOR THE GOLD

Team Canada won its first-ever gold in women's soccer at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Canada faced Sweden in the final match, ending the game with a 1–1 tie but earning the top spot on the podium after going 3–2 on penalty kicks. The women's team previously won bronze in both the 2012 London and 2016 Rio Games.

CANADA'S TOP OLYMPIAN

A bronze in the 4x100 metre relay at the 2020 Summer Games was the seventh Olympic medal win for Canadian swimmer Penny Oleksiak, making her the country's most decorated Olympian of all time at the age of 21. Along with an additional silver and bronze in Tokyo, Oleksiak took home a gold, a silver, and two bronzes in Rio in 2016, which made her the first Canadian to win four medals at a single Summer Games.



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TOP POINTS

Damian Warner's gold medal win in the decathlon at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics earned him an additional award at home, when he was presented with the Lou Marsh Trophy in December. Established in 1936, the award is given annually to Canada's top athlete. Warner reached the 9,000-point mark in the 10-event track and field competition, making him only the fourth athlete to ever do so.

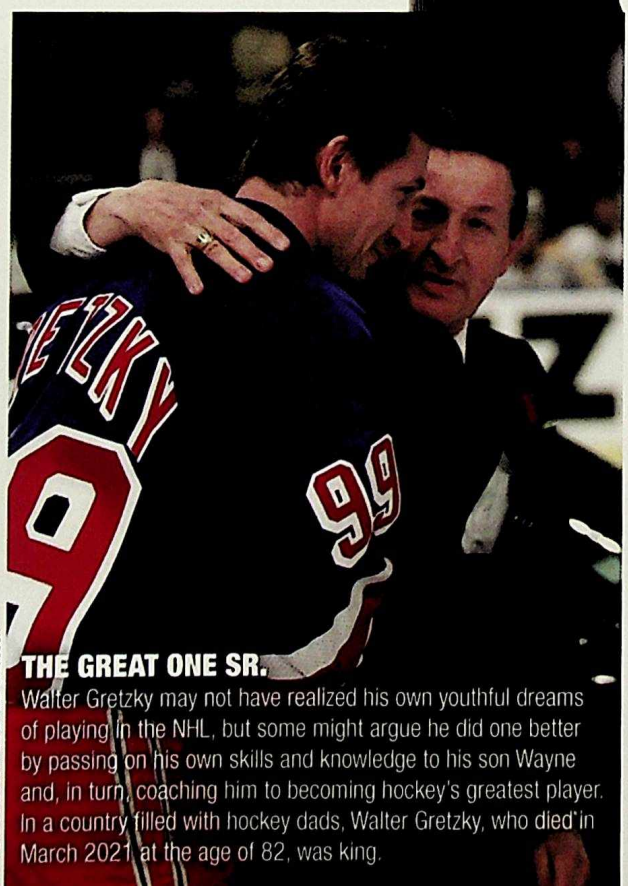
2021 CHAMPIONSHIP WINS

World Series:
Atlanta Braves (over the Houston Astros)

Super Bowl:
Tampa Bay Buccaneers (over the Kansas City Chiefs)

NBA Final:
Milwaukee Bucks (over the Phoenix Suns)

Stanley Cup:
Tampa Bay Lightning (over the Montreal Canadiens)



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THE GREAT ONE SR.

Walter Gretzky may not have realized his own youthful dreams of playing in the NHL, but some might argue he did one better by passing on his own skills and knowledge to his son Wayne and, in turn, coaching him to becoming hockey's greatest player. In a country filled with hockey dads, Walter Gretzky, who died in March 2021 at the age of 82, was king.

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MASAI UJIRI SIGNS LONG-TERM DEAL

Toronto Raptors president Masai Ujiri signed a new contract in August, adding vice-chairman to his title and reportedly upping his salary to $15 million a year. (Ujiri's 2013 contract paid him $15 million across five years.) The deal makes Ujiri—who led the Raptors to their first NBA victory in 2019—one of the NBA's most highly compensated executives.

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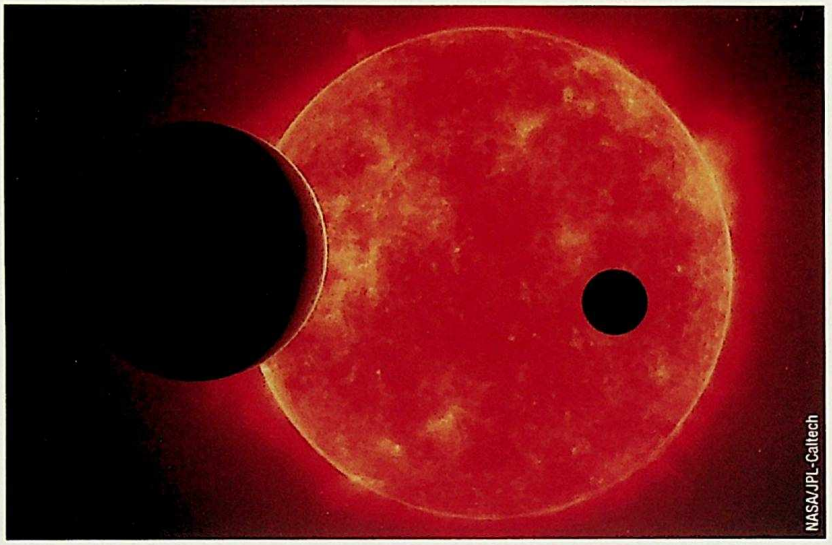
Courtesy World Health Organization

A NEW HOPE

In October, the World Health Organization endorsed a vaccine proven to help prevent malaria—the first vaccine of its kind. Although the disease is rare in much of the world, it kills about half a million people a year—about half of them children—mainly in sub-Saharan Africa. Dubbed Mosquirix, the vaccine is expected to save tens of thousands of children annually.



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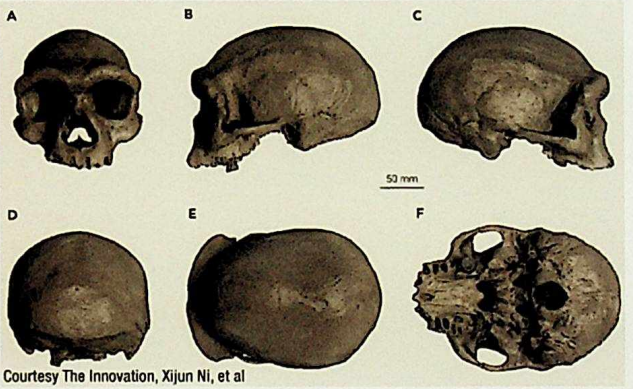
OUT OF THIS WORLD

The universe got a little bigger in November when NASA announced the discovery of 301 exoplanets—planets that, like Earth, orbit stars—outside our own solar system. The discoveries came courtesy of ExoMiner, a new technology that helps scientists discern stars from planets at great distances. These new additions bring the total number of discovered planets to 4,870.



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FAMILY REUNION

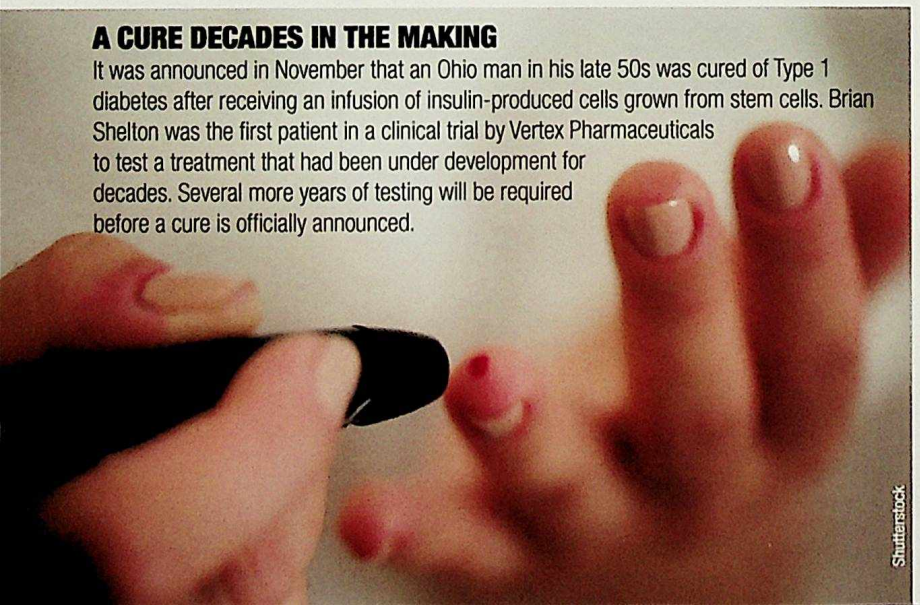
In June 2021, scientists announced the potential discovery of a previously unknown extinct species of human, which they dubbed Homo longi, or Dragon Man. The discovery came courtesy of a 146,000-year-old skull fossil first dug up nearly 90 years ago at a construction site in Harbin, China and stored by a family unsure of what to do with it. The skull finally was donated to a Chinese university in 2018.

TREATMENT AT LIGHT SPEED

Coronavirus vaccine research undertaken prior to the current pandemic helped scientists develop COVID-19 treatments in record time. And while not all nations have equal access to the vaccines, they have slowly reduced cases of hospitalization and death in many areas, including North America. By February 2022, nearly 11 billion doses of the COVID-19 vaccines had been administered around the world.

A CURE DECADES IN THE MAKING

It was announced in November that an Ohio man in his late 50s was cured of Type 1 diabetes after receiving an infusion of insulin-produced cells grown from stem cells. Brian Shelton was the first patient in a clinical trial by Vertex Pharmaceuticals to test a treatment that had been under development for decades. Several more years of testing will be required before a cure is officially announced.



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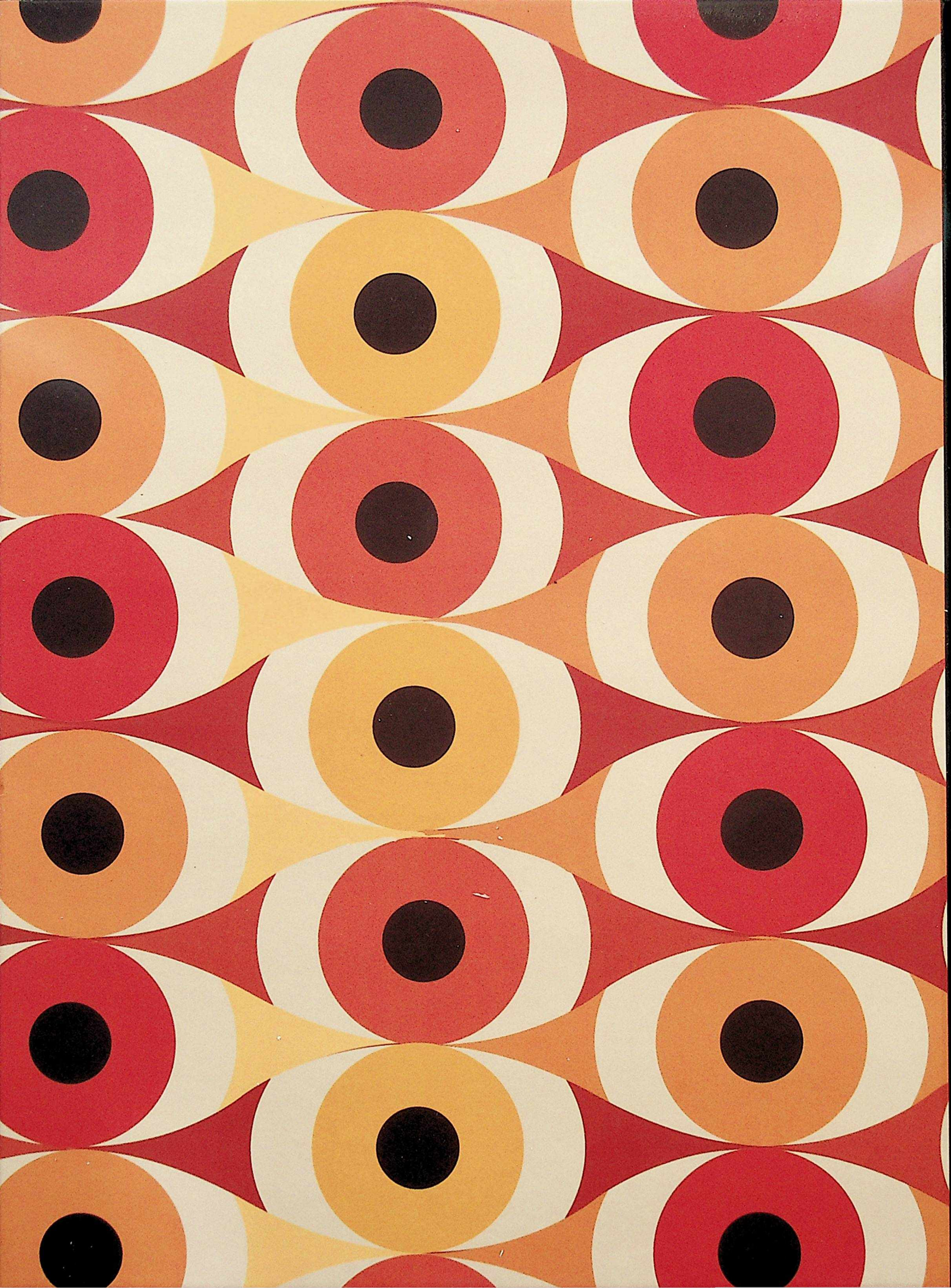
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